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# ASMARA, CAPITAL OF ERITREA CAPTURED BY BRITISH FORCES

## Italians Continue Steady Retreat

CAIRO, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that Asmara, the capital of Eritrea, has been captured.

Following the withdrawal from Dire Dawa, the Italians in Eastern Abyssinia are not expected to offer strong resistance until the British forces reach the Awash River, about 100 miles from Addis Ababa, stated a military spokesman last night.

He added that nothing is noticeable of modern defences around Asmara.

## BALKANS MOVING TOWARDS WAR

### Nazi Troops Concentrating

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELGRADE, Apr. 1 (UP).—It is reported that the Germans are concentrating on the Yugo-Slavian frontier in numbers unknown, but including the whole of one unit of paratroopers.

The process of moving the permanent archives to interior point has been under way for more than a month, but this was naturally speeded up this week. There is no frantic haste of foreigners to evacuate. The few British women still remaining in Belgrade were advised several weeks ago to leave unless their duties urgently required their staying.

## CONVOY PROTEST

### Vichy Says U.K. Abused Rights

BERNE, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—A protest has been addressed by the French Government to London following the convoy incident near the port of Nemours, Algeria, according to a Vichy telegram.

The protest, which was addressed through the United States Government, declares that for months past the visiting of French merchant ships by British naval units always ended in the capture of the vessels in question "even when they carried no cargo."

The view is expressed that the British Fleet exceeded the rights of inspection.

### Delivered In Washington

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The Vichy Government's Note was delivered by the French Ambassador, M. Henry Haye, with the request that it be forwarded to London.

### No Relaxation

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Discussions are now proceeding in Washington between British and American representatives on certain aspects of the British blockade policy, states "Reuters" lobby correspondent.

The British Government have no intention of relaxing in any way their general policy on the blockade.

An interesting commentary on the Vichy Government's professed desire for foodstuffs "for starving France" is found in the recent seizure of two French ships which were brought into Gibraltar. One contained nothing but bananas while the other, in addition to one million litres of rum, also carried 250 tons of pineapples.

In these days, such cargoes can be considered luxuries rather than necessities.

### German Shortage

Regarding the general effects of the blockade, it is learned that the Germans are feeling a grave shortage of rubber, copper, nickel, alloys, wool and tanning materials. Germany is believed to be eating into her stocks of oil despite synthetic oil production and imports from Rumania and Russia.

By the end of the year, Germany is likely to be in serious difficulties about oil supplies if the heavy attacks on her refineries and synthetic oil plants continue, if the Navy retains control of the Eastern Mediterranean and if the Nazis have to fight on land.

CAIRO, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—A meeting of British and enemy forces in Libya, continued British advance in Eritrea with the capture of more prisoners, and rapid progress in Abyssinia are reported in a G.H.Q. communiqué.

It says that advanced elements of our forces were yesterday in contact with enemy infantry and mechanised units in Mersa Brega area, Libya.

Despite the extensive demolition on the main road to Asmara, our advance in Eritrea continues. During the last 48 hours, a further 800 prisoners were taken, including another Brigade Commander.

Communications Damaged  
Although communications in this area have been extensively damaged by the retreating Italian forces, our advance from Dire Dawa astride the railway and road to Addis Ababa is making rapid progress.

In all other sectors, the penetration into Southern Abyssinia is continuing, particularly in the area north of Lake Rudolf.

Massawa Next  
LONDON, (Reuter).—Asmara, the capital of Eritrea, has fallen. This success, which is likely to prove the beginning of the end of resistance in Eritrea, follows only five days after the capture of Keren. In that brief time, British and Indian forces, ably supported by the R.A.F., have pursued and dispirited the Italians over 75 miles to today's new resounding victory.

The way is now open for the next TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## Luftwaffe Fury

### Blitz Northeast Town

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
NORTHEAST COAST TOWN, Apr. 1 (UP).—The Luftwaffe hurled its second blitz in a fortnight on a northeast coast town for two hours last night. They changed their usual strategy by using only high explosives, resulting in widespread damage to property.

It is feared that the casualties will be numerous when the rescuers have finished digging out the victims who are buried in the masses of ruins. The raiders unloaded very heavy explosives. Shopping centres along the main thoroughfare were badly damaged.

## Eight Nazi & Italian Ships Set on Fire

Special to the "Telegraph"

PUERTO CABELLO, Venezuela, Apr. 1 (UP).—One German freighter and three Italian freighters were set afire and scuttled by their crews at 7 o'clock on Monday evening and are all total wrecks. The crew were taken ashore and interned.

Freighters on Fire  
CALLAO, Apr. 1 (UP).—The German freighters Leipzig, 5,398 tons and the Monserrat, 5,578 tons which were loaded with cotton were set afire when a Peruvian cruiser attempted to frustrate their sailing. Both will probably be total losses and the crews will be interned.

About 300 Italians and 36 German crewmen involved in the scuttling of the ships were taken ashore in lifeboats and thence to the city gaol. They were later taken inland to the city of Valencia where they are interned.

Meanwhile, the authorities have lifted the martial law which was proclaimed during the disorders attendant to the scuttling. Mobs des-

## Italians Lose 1,000 Aircraft

### Effectiveness Of R.A.F. In Middle East

CAIRO, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The important part played by the Royal Air Force in the British victories on land and sea in North Africa and the Mediterranean was emphasised by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Middle East, broadcasting from here to-day on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of the birth of the R.A.F.

He referred to the fact that over 1,000 Italian aircraft have been destroyed in the Middle East and paid great tribute to the magnificent defence of R.A.F. fighters at Malta and the splendid work of R.A.F. aircraft allotted for sea and port reconnaissance in co-operation with the Navy.

Enemy Fleet Located  
Immediately before last week's naval victory, he added, R.A.F. sea reconnaissance aircraft had located the enemy forces and continued to report their movements.

Acting on this information, R.A.F. bombers attacked and hit and crippled one, and possibly two of the cruisers and one of the destroyers out of those finally disposed of by Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham.

Many of the bomber crews who participated in that operation were TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## Italians Plastered With Bombs

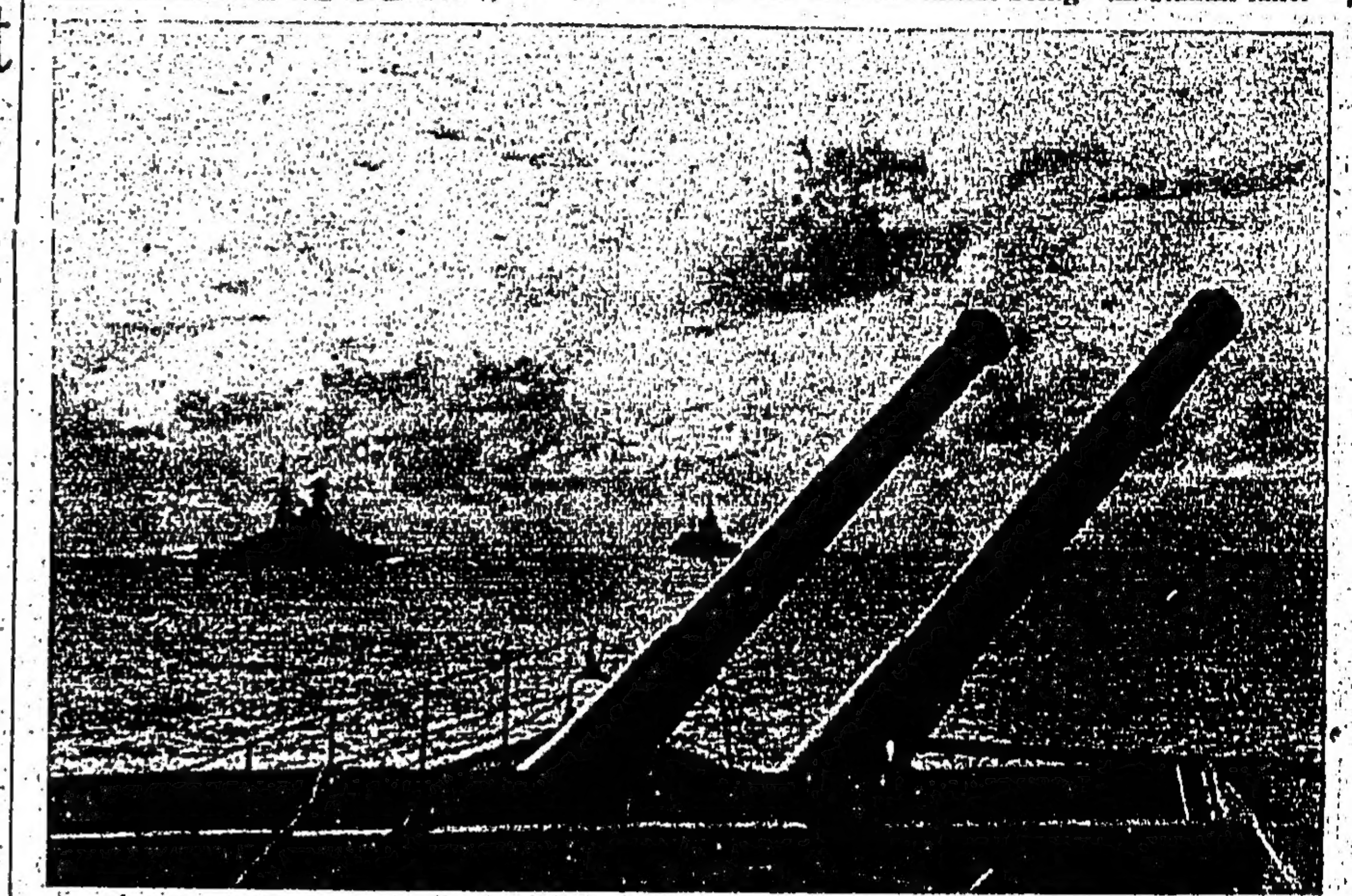
LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—We found the Italian ships steaming like Billy-Ho for home and fairly plastered them," was a Squadron Leader's description of one R.A.F. attack on the Italians during Friday's naval battle.

This squadron was en route for a normal raid on Tripoli when it received news of the war at sea and cheerfully altered direction.

"We hit one big ship twice amidships," he said, "and she stopped with clouds of black and yellow smoke shooting up 200 feet."

## Mediterranean Sea Might

Behind the formidable twin-gun turret of a British destroyer are seen the majestic silhouettes of two famous British battleships as they patrol the Mediterranean, observes the official caption to this picture just received in Hongkong from London. It is probable that the battleships pictured here were those which took part in the Ionian Sea naval victory. This picture gives the lie to Italy's boasts of the Mediterranean being "an Italian lake."



## Marshal Badoglio Instigates Revolution Plot In Italy

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Apr. 1 (UP).—American travellers who have returned from Italy reported that Mussolini averted a recent revolution by sending some Cabinet Ministers to the front and chasing General Badoglio into the King's Palace.

## Devastating Raid By R.A.F. On Emden

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Some idea of the terrific devastation which followed the visit of the R.A.F. to the German industrial centre of Emden last night may be gathered from a report by the Air Ministry in which six bombs dropped—the most powerful ever carried in a bomber—are compared with ordinary bombs carried both by the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe as "shells of howitzers to those of the field gun."

A stick of incendiaries from one of the first aircraft started over three fires in the centre of the town, by the light of which streets could be seen. The fires made an ideal aiming point.

One observer describing the fall of a huge bomb said that there was a colossal flash and the crew of the machine saw great masses of debris flung high into the air. From the height the machine was flying, it was obvious that these were no ordinary fragments, proving that enormous destruction had been done.

Moreover, the debris must have been thrown to a great height as there was a distinct interval before they settled down again.

### Gigantic Flash

Another observer said that it seemed as if the whole building had been thrown into the air.

When another bomb went down, a pilot, who had been in 30 previous raids, said that he had never seen so large a flash. "It was a gigantic flash, building white," he said.

As the aircraft circled the town before leaving, the fires in the town could be seen increasing in fury.

The effectiveness of the bombs impressed the Germans who made the unusual admission in their official communiqué of "comparatively large damage to buildings."

### Revolution Plot

Mrs Cecil Brown, wife of the Columbia Broadcasting System's commentator at Rome, who was ordered to leave Italy yesterday, brought notes and a diary from her husband saying that the revolution plot started two months ago.

Mrs Brown said that it was reported that before the attack on Greece, Count Ciano assured Il Duce that the Greeks would not resist because he had "bribed all the Mayors along the Greek frontier." However, General Melaxas learned of the plot and told the Mayors to "get all they could."

## King Of Greece Receives Eden

ATHENS, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Mr Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, was received by King George of Greece to-day, according to the Athens radio.

## U.S.-German Showdown In 60 Days is Forecast

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Apr. 1 (UP).—The columnists Raymond Clapper and Phillip Simms see the United States moving towards war, with a possible showdown within 60 days. Both believe that the United States must convoy supplies, which would mean that the Germans would attack the ships.

Mr Clapper said: "We are moving with increasing speed on a course of undeclared, and thus far, bloodless war. Most informed circles here believe that the conveying of goods to Britain will be undertaken soon."

"It will require courage on the part of the Administration because it means to risk actual hostilities to which a considerable section of the public is still opposed. Evidently, President Roosevelt believes the country should not allow a love for peace to prevent it from doing what is necessary to achieve total victory."

### Early Showdown

Mr Simms asserted: "An early showdown between the United States and the Axis is regarded as a virtual certainty, probably within the next sixty days. The seizure of the Axis ships, probably for British use, is only a straw in the wind. The belief here is that the United States will be in the war by June or thereabouts."

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Further Late News







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## The Men In The TANKS

by H. V. Morton

"ACTION!"—And the crews race to their tanks.

NOT far from the Royal Armoured Corps Training Regiment, two big tanks like extinct saurians came pounding along the lane.

I gingerly edged the car into the side of the lane and stopped; but the tanks, with the obstinate obtuseness of large animals, decided to stop too, so that we remained wedged wheel to track.

As I waited, the turret lid of the first tank opened and a face appeared—a mild face wearing spectacles.

It was a surprising apparition from such a machine. One might have expected a savage face, a tough face, but not a face like that. It was as if one had opened the Wooden Horse of Troy to find a curate inside it.

The face was followed by another, but different type of face; a face made in Yorkshire, if I am any judge of faces; and by yet a third face of the kind I have seen all my life in smoking-carriages at London Bridge.

The owners of these faces heaved themselves up, and slithered down the armour plate to the ground, where they became involved in a technical discussion with a pair of extremely bright eyes seen through a steel slit in the monster's belly.

### A Mixed Bag

Falling into conversation with them, I learned that eight weeks previously they had all been civilians.

Mild Face had been an accountant; Yorkshire Face had been a railway booking-clerk near Leeds; and Ordinary Face had been a solicitor.

I asked what Bright Eyes had been, and they said he had been a bookmaker's clerk.

I reflected that, although they had been in the Army for only eight weeks, they had already laid its unmistakable hand on them.

Perhaps to a critical sergeant-major they might still have seemed depressingly civilian, but to their own friends I am sure they must have appeared vastly different from the men who left home eight weeks ago.

It was, I thought, typical of modern war that those whose greatest previous violence may have been the chasing of tropical fish round a home aquarium should, in the twinkling of an eye, find himself in command of greater destructive power than any commanded by Arthur and all his knights.

Perhaps the end of the world will come some day when a man like Mild Face pulls over a lever and blows up the planet.

With this depressing reflection, I said good-bye to them and went on to the Royal Armoured Corps training centre to which they, and many others like them, belonged.

### In Tank Town

I suppose most people know that the Army to-day consists of the Field Army, which is a trained Army, formed into divisions and corps, and a great number of other training centres where hundreds and thousands of recruits are put through a sausage machine and made into soldiers as quickly as possible.

Having completed their course, the men leave the training centres and join the Field Army; and as they march out at one end full of wisdom, the long queue from civil life continues to enter at the other.

Among the most interesting of these gigantic schools are the training centres of the Royal Armoured

Corps, where men like those I had met in the lane are taken from a thousand civilian occupations and taught how to drive tanks, how to look after them, how to become tank gunners, signallers, and so forth.

The Royal Armoured Corps is the name now given to all tank units of the Army. These are the Royal Tank Regiment (which used to be the Tank Corps) and the mechanised cavalry and yeomanry.

When I passed the gates I found myself in a town of tanks. Whole ranges of workshops were devoted to them. In immense stables these sinister brutes were being groomed by young men in black berets.

Everywhere I looked I saw them gliding along with their guns smoothly lifting or falling.

### How They Train

The roads shook to the advance of the big tanks; the crumblers pulled along with the dignity of warships, while now and then a whipper would suggest by its agility that under the hand of an old troop sergeant it might take a five-barred gate in passing.

In the orderly room they showed me the syllabus of training; and I was suitably impressed. The brain power of the nation must have increased enormously in recent years if men can really take in all they are supposed to take in during the process of becoming soldiers.

The Commandant, an ex-cavalry officer, spoke to me about tanks, tank crews, and tank tactics as if there was nothing else in the Army.

He liked his tanks in big, powerful masses. That's the way to use them. Don't be afraid of them! The steel walls of England!

He was very inspiring. Then he spoke of his recruits as if they were the cream of the earth; and I thought how astonished they would be, could they hear him, because he was not the kind of man, I judged, who went round kissing them good-night or placing bouquets in the lute.

"The men coming into the Royal Armoured Corps to-day are a wonderful crowd," he said, "and we're proud to have them and to train them."

"Although they've got varied backgrounds, they are all alike in one thing: they long to smash the enemy; and we in the Royal Armoured Corps know as much about smashing tactics as anybody."

I was told how men arrive straight from civil life and are given an intelligence and psychology test to decide whether they are best fitted to be gunners or drivers.

Having decided this, they all have a six-weeks' course in general military training, followed by a two-months' course of gunnery, for those selected as gunners, and in driving, for those selected as drivers.

Then the drivers do a two-weeks' course in gunnery, and the gunners do a two-weeks' course in driving. At the end of these sixteen weeks they go out to their units.

"Accountants and solicitors make good gunners," I was told.

### In Quick Motion

Walking round the depot, I had a confusing impression of men committed to a life of bewildering technicality.

The old Army, with its rifles, machine-guns, Mills grenades, trenching tools, barbed wire and perpetual flat feet, was child's play compared with this terrifying plunge into mechanics.

Yet, oddly enough, the men of to-day take to this as ducks to water.

Having no mechanical sympathies whatsoever, I looked at them in reverence and admiration. To love a tank is surely the apex of all mechanical passion.

But when I entered the gunnery school, I came into a fascinating world. The art of hitting something with a two-pounder gun from a tank in motion is a fine art; and the way men are taught to do this is picturesque and ingenious.

In the first shed I saw a row of skeleton gun-turrets controlled by electricity, so that they revolve and oscillate and do all the things that gun turrets do in rough country.

The gunners, sitting in these mechanical branches, had to align their sights on a landscape target and keep them there by controlling the direction of turret and guns.

In an adjacent shed the same idea was carried a step further. Here was a splendid sand table, the size of a large room. It contained model houses, villages, trees, and roads, along which small model tanks and cars were in movement.

Facing the model landscape, were more skeleton turrets and guns. Each gun had fitted to it a 22 rifle so devised that to fire it at the target was equivalent to the firing of a two-pounder gun in real country.

### On The Target

I was asked if I would like to try a shot, and, after a brief struggle with the manhole, I sank into the steel skeleton like a sardine into its tin.

Gazing through the sights, I saw the landscape come suddenly to life. Miraculously, the little red houses were real houses, the sand hills were real, the roads were real—and most realistic of all was the slow, rhythmic swaying of the turret itself, which began as soon as the instructor flung over the lever.

My first shots went wide, but it was interesting to see through the periscope how the sand spat up where the bullet had hit it, just as if a shell had burst there.

At last I had the target—a pleasant red house—well on the hair-line, and I pressed the trigger, to see with astonishment the little 'bulging' rise into the air and fall on its side.

At that proud moment I decided to give up tank gunnery. I wondered afterwards whether the sergeant had been a bit gentle with the control lever!

Nearly all the men I spoke to at this depot were either ex-school teachers or railwaymen; I was told that an unusually high proportion had turned up in a recent 'intake' or call-up.

"And we like them," said an instructor. "They're keen and quick."

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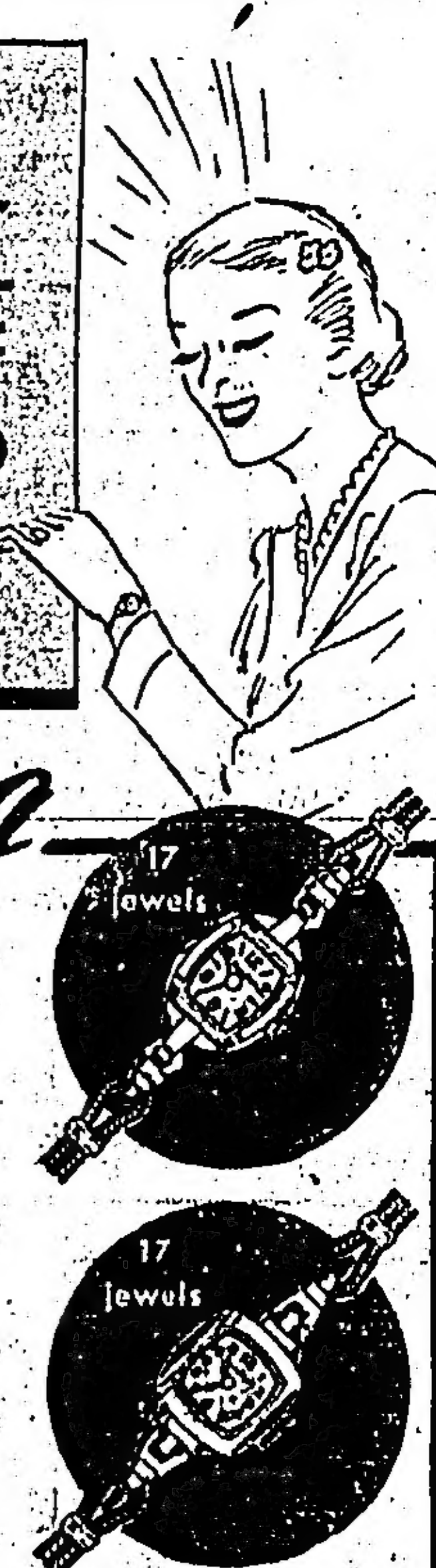
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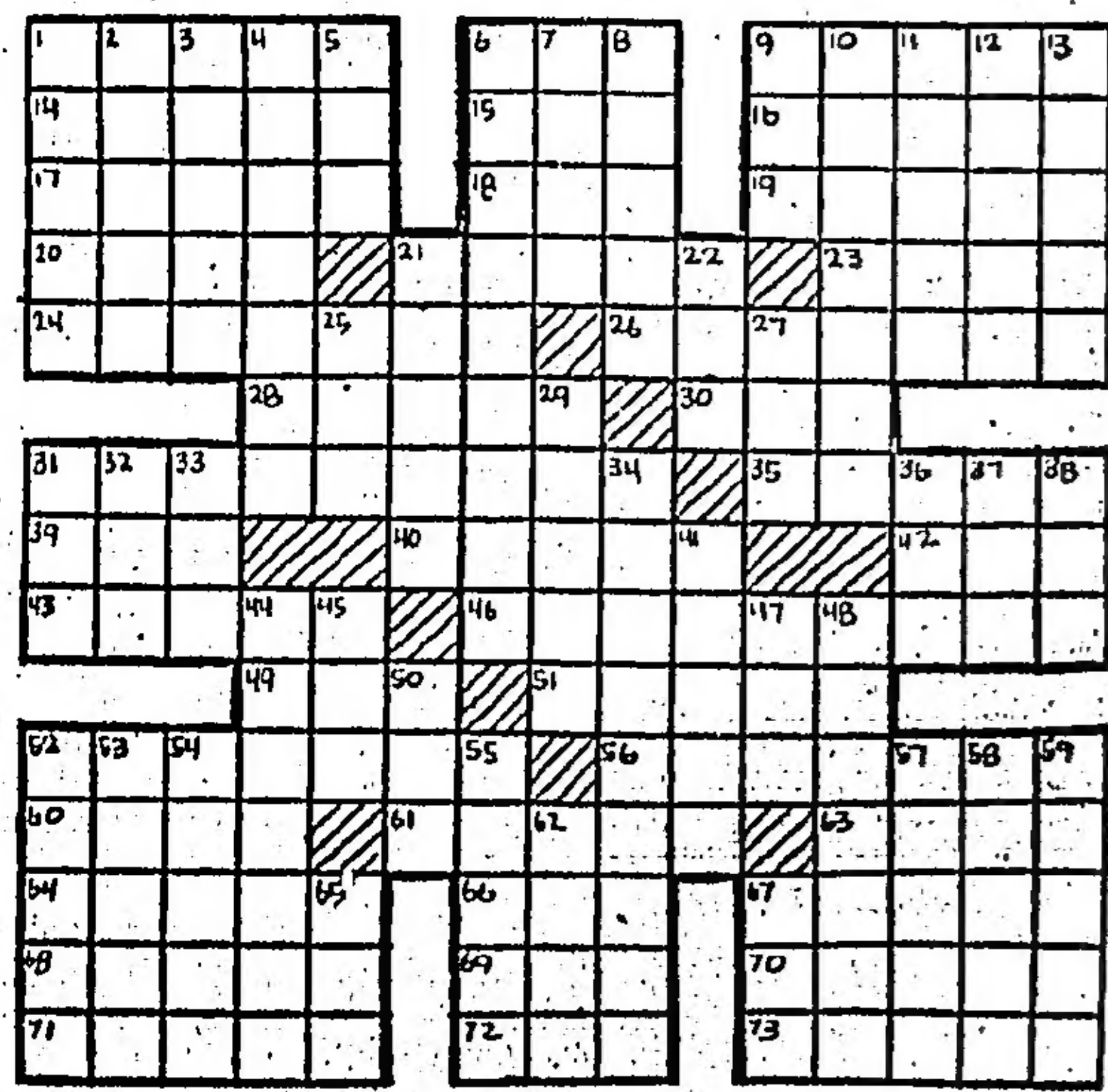
ACROSS

- Kind of fastening (pl.)
- Vehicle
- Mark left by wound
- Mohammedan power
- Short poem
- Certain seaweeds
- Palatium
- Eye of house
- Outward seeming
- Unbleached
- Moving about
- Ice vehicle
- Last course of dinner
- Beetle in annoying way
- Declares with conviction
- Kind of nut
- Contriving anew
- Room about
- Historical period
- Kind of nut
- Make love to
- Virtuous
- Opposite behavior
- Combining form; recent
- Inspiring fear
- Dever fur
- Capable of being maintained
- Having adequate power
- Former cover of council table
- Filled cabbage
- Act of eating temporary use (pl.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- Drugged by force
- Flooded cape of gray
- Withers
- Scritinisation
- Yellow of the Royal Society (abbr.)
- Draw together at some point
- Faint entrance
- Causes to tilt again
- Drop in middle
- Chunch
- Lively
- Demolisher
- Origin of plant (pl.)
- Scene of action
- Reputation ( slang)
- Girl's name
- Steeple
- Breathes noisily in sleep
- Male sheep
- Beet
- Fun
- Delusions
- Are under obligation
- Is
- Have been victorious
- Radio aerial
- Consolation
- Naval passages
- Blannum
- Determine dimension of
- Worthless leaving
- Combining form; recent
- Leaf of grass
- On top of
- Killed
- Bathtubs to full
- Leaf of grass
- Edible purple seaweed
- Water pitchers
- Predator
- Scot's
- Soak in liquid



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#### DEATH

BAPTISTA: Joaquim Baptista, at his residence, 5 St. Joseph's Terrace, Hongkong. At 2.20 a.m., Wednesday, 2nd April. Aged 70 years. Funeral will pass the Monument to-day (Wednesday) at 5.15 p.m. No flowers by request. (Macao and Shanghai papers please copy).

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#### GLORIOUS VICTORY

WHEN a naval spokesman in England on Sunday declared that the victory accomplished by British naval and air units in the Ionian Sea was the greatest news since the start of the war, he was expressing the thoughts of the whole British Empire and the rest of the Democratic world. The action, in the course of which at least seven Italian warships were sunk without a single loss to ourselves, has been described as the Jutland of the Mediterranean, and the greatest battle since Trafalgar; be that as it may, the real importance of the engagement is that once again the claim that the British navy is the finest fighting force in the world has been substantiated.

Skilful strategy, first-class marksmanship and perfect co-ordination between naval craft and aerial units made possible the British victory. When the full history of the action comes to be written, it will stir the hearts of the entire world. Already enough has been told to permit an appreciation of the glorious work accomplished both by the navy and the fleet air arm; the Orion's clever manoeuvring which completely fooled the Italian fleet, enabling the British capital ships to batter into a state of helplessness five cruisers and two destroyers; the swift and deadly assault by the diving British planes with their aerial torpedoes, which found their marks so surely that the Italian vessels were too crippled to make their escape; and the Consolidating work of the British destroyers who finished off the Italians with their accurately aimed torpedoes. Each and every ship and plane made a notable and decisive contribution to the victory; the whole anti-Axis world will echo Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham's: "Well Done."

The defeat has filled Mussolini's cup of bitterness to overflowing. He has lost an Empire, and his much vaunted fleet has been rendered ineffective; within

A SECRET British military mission, it has been revealed, is operating deep in the heart of Abyssinia. Great secrecy surrounds the identity of the British officers who are leading it. In this article PHILIP JORDAN makes a discreet guess—and tells you about it.

## ARE THESE THE MEN?

IF you turn your back on the Cairo Opera House and go towards the Nile down the street that everybody still calls Maghrabi, even though its name is now changed, you will find a little restaurant some hundred yards down on the left. It is called Au Petit Coin de France.

Most of its customers sit in the shaded courtyard that lies between the street and the restaurant itself; and here, twice a day, they try to imagine that they are not in Egypt at all, but back in France. Even when the khamsin is blowing off the desert and the temperature is 115 deg. and there is so much sand in the air that you can hardly see the women having their hair permanently waved in the window of the Greek coiffeur opposite, men will still attempt to recapture the forgotten pleasures of Europe by eating cassoulet toulousaine and washing it down with huge draughts of iced wine.

On Fridays they serve bouillabaisse, the saffronspiced fish soup that comes from Marseilles.

If you had gone into this restaurant on a Friday evening last, most any time up to August last you would probably have seen two men dining together, both officers of the British Army. One, almost certainly, would have been eating bouillabaisse, the other spaghetti with a thick meat sauce. Almost certainly one or other of these two men is he whose name wild horses will not now drag from War Office

spokesmen. You have read about him. Romantic journalists, with a turn for a phrase, have called him the "Lawrence of Abyssinia." He is the man who now moves quietly among the black granite gorges of Abyssinia, training the patriots to attack Mussolini's flagging army, holding them back from rash enterprises, marshalling them into battle order, and sending reports on their prowess and efficiency back to G.H.Q. in Cairo.

HAD you noticed these two men you would have passed them by without a thought. One, the shorter of the two, you might have imagined a fairly successful stockbroker with a turn for farming. The other, tall and thin, might have been one of those eternally unsuccessful scholars who haunt the public libraries in time of peace; the sort of man on whose waistcoat you would not ever be surprised to find spilled snuff.

Yet, the first has never seen the inside of a stock exchange in his life, the second—because he has no mean library of his own—has probably never visited one that is open to the public.

If you did, more than notice them, if you overheard their conversation or, as I frequently did, dined with them in the inner room of the restaurant, you would have been content to sit quiet and listen to their words.

Both spoke of Abyssinia and of its coming liberation. They talked of nothing else; but if, by chance, the conversation should leave that subject, the tall thin man, like the Dormouse in Alice in Wonderland, would drop

asleep. Or seem to. But I always felt that even if he were snoring or under an anaesthetic, I would have only to murmur the word "Ethiopia," for him to spring from slumber, ready armed to do battle on its behalf.

They lived, breathed, ate Abyssinia. They loved it. At those dinners they told me tales about it, about its poets, its warriors and its customs. They insisted that Italian propaganda had been so strong during the Abyssinian war, when Haile Selassie had no voice of comparable strength, that the world, and even Ethiopia's friends, had been misled about its people. They begged me to do what I would to right the wrongs that Italian propaganda had done; they were impatient, as you or I might be impatient if someone whom we loved were wrongfully imprisoned.

ONLY one thing distracted their attention. Not the bouillabaisse or the iced wine, but the nightly arrival of the Arab conjuror, whose only admirers they seemed to be. In his own language they would joke with him, make him admit he was a humbug; and send him away feeling pleased with himself.

They understood such men, and felt happy in their company, which is why they understood the Abyssinian case; and why, also, now hidden in the mountains of which they spoke so well, they will be the best delegates that we can find for such a job.

IN those early days of war they never dressed in uniform. But even when General Wavell forbade his of-

icers any longer to appear in public in plain clothes, there didn't seem to be much difference in their appearances. They were not like the ordinary Army officer, ready merely to do what they were told; they were men with visions of their own; and concerned only with how best those visions might come true.

Many a time I have seen "the Dormouse" in a ghari as though he were fast asleep. But he missed nothing. He might sometimes forget your question before he had time to answer it; but never, no matter how severe the dose of fever he had upon him, to answer your questions about Abyssinia.

I wish I could remember half the things he told me. But if I have forgotten them, I have remembered the place with which he used to recite the latest discomfiture of some wretched Italian convoy ambushed on a mountain road.

"What d'you think those fellows have done now?" That's what he said suddenly in my car one morning when I was busy reading Reuters's tape in the hotel lounge. And I would have been a dunce had I not immediately known who "those fellows" were. The Abyssinians, of course.

"They've captured an Italian A.A. gun and turned it point-blank on a convoy. Blown 'em to smithereens."

"What next?" was all that I could say.

"You wait!"

WELL, he has waited longer than most of us. Waited with a supreme and unswerving faith for the justice that is now being done; and happy, at last, that he is contributing to that justice.

Because all the wild horses will not drag a confirmation from the War Office that this so-called "Lawrence" is one of these two men, I cannot be sure that I am right. But, well, yes, I think I am safe in saying so; I'll be prepared to eat my hat if they have not, at this minute, a lot to do with what is going on in that grave of Italy's imperial ambitions.

## THE RETURN OF HAILE SELASSIE

Haile Selassie, Conquering Lion of Judah, has now raised his standard on his own soil. In this interview with RONALD MATTHEWS, which took place at Khartoum earlier in the campaign, the Emperor describes how he organised the Abyssinian revolt against the Italians.

"I am here," said the Emperor, "to lead the fight which has never ceased for Abyssinia's freedom and to help our Ally, Britain, in the larger fight to liberate all nations enslaved by Fascist tyranny."

Haile Selassie dresses now as a soldier in khaki tunic and trousers and on his topee wears a badge which is a challenge to Italy—the figure of St George.

For Abyssinia adopted St George as patron saint after the Italians were routed at Adowa on St George's Day, 40-odd years ago.

"All reports I have received from my country since I arrived

a few months Italy has been reduced to the status of a third-class Power and she now faces the grim penalty for treachery and perverted ambition. For Mussolini and Hitler, the writing is on the wall; their total elimination can only be a matter of time.

here," he said, "make it clear that my entire people are waiting with anxiety for the day when I shall once more be able to take my place among them."

"Every day I receive fresh evidence of it in the delegations which come here to see me and to receive my orders from all parts of Abyssinia."

"The fight against the Italian oppressors has never ceased, but it has blazed up more fiercely than ever since Italy entered the war, and I returned to the borders of my country."

"Even from Addis Ababa I have received indirectly news of support for me."

"Even there, under the nose of Italian guns which defend the barbed wire-ringed capital, people are hoping and planning for my return."

"My presence here has permitted me to co-ordinate to a great extent plans for warlike action by my people against the oppressor."

"Chiefs who have come to see me go back with instructions which they disseminate."

"To those who have not come in I have sent, at their request, my representatives who give them orders which permit them to get their military activities into a general scheme."

The Emperor made two points very plain.



Selassie—Welcomed Home

First, complete Abyssinian independence is for him the only possible end of the struggle against Italy.

Secondly, that he makes no distinction of creed or race among his people. To him they are all Southern Gallas, as well as any other Abyssinians.

That this second view is more realistic than some might suppose is suggested by the number of Galla chiefs who have requested him to appoint representatives in their areas.

Though the Emperor stands firm for Abyssinian independence, he hopes and expects help in his country's reconstruction after the war.

"It is my chief desire," he said, "not to retard by a moment the development of Abyssinia."

"So I hope that the great Allied nation which is contributing to the restoration of Abyssinia and her territorial integrity will collaborate also in her post-war peaceful development."

"It is in the economic and intellectual spheres that I look forward to this assistance."

Expressing his gratitude to Britain for the ever-growing aid he is receiving in the reconquest of his country, the Emperor concluded:

"My faith in the approaching liberation of Ethiopia is as absolute as it is in the victory of my great Ally."

"I know all the treacherous methods of warfare employed by the Italians. But all the same I look forward to taking my place among my people, sharing their destiny and enduring their hardships."

The Emperor's slender, delicate hands were crossed on his knees as he spoke. His velvety brown eyes, which can fill so quickly with scorn or laughter, flashed with pride and determination.



# Secret Leaflets Allege Ciano Has a Funk Fund

A Whispering campaign throughout Italy is spreading allegations that Count Ciano, who has been sent from the Foreign Ministry to a battle zone has a "funk fund." Secretly printed leaflets say that, just before Mussolini declared war on June 10, Ciano sent a large private fortune abroad.

This recalls the discovery by H. R. Knickerbocker, American news-leuth, that Reich-Marshal Goering, the Nazi Foreign Minister (Herr von Ribbentrop), the Propaganda Minister (Dr Goebbels), and four other leading Nazis had provided themselves with "funk funds" abroad, totalling £7,000,000.

Ciano is alleged to have sent the equivalent of £1,250,000 to Swiss and Swedish banks, for transfer to South America.

The leaflets give chapter and verse for these transactions, and accuse Ciano of having brought Italy to disaster by signing the military alliance with Germany in 1939.

## Scandal

They contain accounts of the private lives of Count and Countess Ciano (Mussolini's daughter, Edda), which are calculated to shock the masses of Italians.

Ciano married Edda in 1934, when he was 31. Before the war, "Time," American news-magazine, published a story about her friendship with Italian Air Force officers.

This is the background of Ciano's transfer to the front, says the Sydney "Sunday Telegraph." Mussolini hopes, by sending him to the battlefield, that he will get rid of a political embarrassment and impress the people with the willingness of his family to face death.

At first Ciano was unwilling to go to Albania, but Mussolini insisted.

Not Keen On It

Il Duce was backed up by Edda. Some of the other Fascist leaders ordered to the front were inclined to disobey, but Mussolini was adamant.

He declared that faith in the Fascist Party could be restored only by demonstrations that its leaders had courage on the battlefield.

Mussolini took the precaution of sending them to the front one by one, to prevent their making common cause, and sending him to the front.

It is unlikely that Ciano will do any fighting. As a war pilot he is recorded as a joke. He was commander of the "Desperado" Squadron in Abyssinia in 1935-36, but the Abyssinians lacked anti-aircraft guns and fighter-planes.

Ciano will go into action only if Mussolini decides to do to him what David did to Uriah, the Hittite.

Hitler is grasping command of Italy in all departments, because the exiled Fascist bosses will be succeeded by Nazis.

# Industrial Leader On The War

The world was passing through the second stage of a mass revolutionary movement, which had been born in the course of the last war and was likely to continue, with intermittent armistices, for several decades.

This point was made by one of the leading United States industrialists, Mr Charles E. Wilson, president of the General Electric Corporation, in a remarkable plea for a realistic appraisal of the present world conflict.

His speech is prominently featured in U.S. newspapers.

"It is a movement based on a sense of frustration, frequently approaching hysteria," said Mr Wilson. "The dictators have persuaded hundreds of millions that the capitalistic system is the cause of economic ills."

"Revolutionary Hordes"

"There is abundant evidence that the dictators enjoy the support of the majority of these untold hordes."

"The minds of these newer generations have been conditioned almost entirely by dictators' propaganda, with the result that the death of dictators involves merely a temporary confusion until substitutes are found."

"Their revolutionary hordes are opposed by the heroic common people of Britain, who ardently aim, first to defend themselves, and then to obtain a larger economic freedom than they have hitherto enjoyed."

"The system of free enterprise has never faced such a serious challenge. Financial and managerial directors must prove by their deeds that they understand their grave responsibilities and are prepared to bring the nation that economic freedom and security for all which the dictators pretend to offer."

"Aid Britain First"

"First, we must whole-heartedly aid Britain without quibble or question, and, regardless of economic sacrifice, seek arm-in-arm co-operation."

"We cannot return to 'normal living' even after the war."

"On the contrary, business must recognize its social obligations and take the initiative in accepting them."

Mr Wilson went on to outline a comprehensive programme for increasing production and bettering the lot of the common man.

"Business is sufficiently realistic and self-disciplined," he declared, "free enterprise can accomplish what the totalitarians merely promise."

# EULOGY IN HOUSE OF LORDS

—Battle of Matapan

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Congratulations from the British Government have been sent to the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet on the recent brilliant victory over the Italian Fleet.

The Leader of the House, Lord Moyne, said: "To-day our minds are filled with the gallantry of the forces engaged at Matapan and the brilliant skill of their leadership. This war has taught us no new lessons to add to the courage and brilliancy with which we have maintained our sea power. These qualities are traditional."

"The battle of Cerenale was a model combination between land, air and sea forces and the battle of Matapan has offered a perfect example of co-operation between the Fleet, the Air Arm and the R.A.F. which was based on the island of Crete. At last the training and efficiency of the Fleet has had its reward."

Graf Spee Recalled

"Throughout the war, it has faced the methods of submarine warfare which the Germans have applied in what was previously looked upon as a system of indiscriminate murder. The Nazis have profited by the bitter experience of the Graf Spee which with its heavier armament was driven to destruction by the accurate gunnery of the Achilles, Ajax and Exeter and have since that experience taken care that Nazi and Italian surface ships shall never meet their match in size or arms but shall run away from smaller units to avoid disaster."

"The skill of Admiral Cunningham's combined operations has come from the air prevented the Italian units from profiting from their additional speed in flight and enabled our ships to finish their work."

"We have become accustomed to such disproportionate casualties between victors and vanquished as has reminded us of the wars between the Persians and the Greeks on the classic battle grounds of the Near East. But not even the Battle of Salamis, where the Persian losses were five times as great as those of the Greeks, can provide a precedent for the overwhelming disaster to the Italian Fleet without cost to the victors of a single man or ship."

(Cheers)

Battle of Atlantic

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The present scale of British shipping losses is not high enough for Hitler to achieve victory in 1941 as he has promised and he can only win by obtaining mastery of the Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking in London to-day.

Admiral Cunningham's latest triumph was only a phase in the great naval battle. The deciding phase would be fought in the Atlantic. It would be a hard and tough fight, but we would win.

Mr MATSUOKA'S MEETINGS

Cordial Count & Dolorous Duce

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, who is now in Rome, had what is described as a "cordial conversation" with Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, at the Chigi Palace at 5 p.m. to-day.

After their conversation, Count Ciano accompanied Mr Matsuoka to the Palazzo Venezia, where Mr Matsuoka saw Signor Mussolini.

Evening Interview

ROME, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Mr Matsuoka had an interview with Mussolini to-night. They talked for about an hour in the presence of Count Ciano and the Japanese Ambassador, Mr Horikiri.

Clydeside Casualties

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Some 1,100 people were killed in German air raids of March 13 and 14 in the Clydeside area, and 1,000 were seriously injured, stated the Home Secretary (Mr Herbert Morrison) answering questions in the House of Commons to-day.

Gift To Roosevelt

CHUNGKING, Apr. 1 (Central News).—President Roosevelt has acknowledged through Mr Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to China, acceptance with thanks of the Chinese painting of 100 doves by Professor Chang Shu-chi of the National Central University, which was presented to him in celebration of his inauguration for a Third Term.

# Mr Joaquim Baptista Passes

A father to son tradition of social and charitable tradition extending from shortly after the foundation of the Colony was broken by the death at 2 a.m. to-day of Mr Joaquim Baptista, of No. 5, St Joseph's Terrace, Robinson Road.

Mr Baptista was 70 years of age. He retired three years ago from his post as head of the local staff in the Jardine Matheson Hongkong & Canton Fire Insurance Office, with which company he had worked for over thirty years. He had been ill for two months.

The family has many relatives in this Colony, Shanghai and Macao. The deceased's father, Marcelino, came to Hongkong very early in life. He did the interior paintings of the old City Hall and it is interesting to note that a brother and a nephew of the same name have exhibited their artistic talents locally.

Mr Baptista kept up his family's name for charitable work. A fervent Catholic he devoted all his spare efforts to the Society of Apostleship and Prayer.

He was a single man. The funeral will pass the Monument to-day at 5.15. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

## Rifle Shooting

# H.K. "Bisley" Meeting At Kowloon City

The Bisley Rifle Meeting held at the Kowloon City ranges was well attended yesterday, but shooting was not of a high standard except in the Light Automatic match for the Norton Cup, presented by the former Acting Governor of Hongkong, Lieut-General E. F. Norton. This event attracted 14 teams, and there was also keen competition in the first two rounds of the Falling Plate match. Firing will be continued this morning.

Following were yesterday's results: Light Automatic Match—1. No. 1 Section, 2nd Coy. 57 Rajputana Regt., 90; 2. Drums, 1st Coy. 57 Rajputana Regt., 88; 3. 1st Coy. 57 Rajputana Regt., 87; 4. No. 3 Section "C" Coy. Royal Scots, 62. Snipe Competition (Open Prize List)—1. Sgt. Griffith, R.M., 23; 2. L/Cpl. Ailo, R.E. Sgt. Cole, R.M., and Cpl. Sher Singh, J.K.R. 1st Coy. 57 Rajputana Regt., 21; 3. C. M. Nanku Singh, 57 Rajputana, 20; 4. Sgt. Priddy, 1st Middlesex, 19; 5. L/Cpl. Ailo, R.E. 21; 6. Sgt. Rushman, R.M., 18; 7. Sgt. Puran Singh, H.K.F., 18. Special Prize List—1. L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex, 13; 2. Pte. Belchambers, 1st Middlesex, 12; 3. Pte. Nix, 1st Middlesex, 8; 4. L.A.C. Callaghan, R.A.F., 6; 5. Pte. Ward, 1st Middlesex, 5. Rapid Firing Competition (Open Prize List)—1. Sgt. Puran Singh, H.K.F., 18; 2. L/Cpl. Ailo, R.E. 21; 3. Pte. Harris, 1st Middlesex, 20; 4. Sgt. Griffith, R.M., 19; 5. L/Cpl. Azim Khan, 57 Rajputana, 18; 6. Cpl. R.M. 19; 7. Pte. White, M.C. Royal Scots, 18; 8. C. M. Nanku Singh, 57 Rajputana, 16; 9. Pte. Hatfield, 1st Middlesex, 15; 10. Sepoy Bal Ahmed, 57 Rajputana, 15. Special Prize List—1. L.A.C. Callaghan, R.A.F., 11; 2. Pte. Ward, 1st Middlesex, 14; 3. L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex, 11; 4. Pte. Belchambers, 1st Middlesex, 10; 5. Pte. Nix, 1st Middlesex, 10.

# No Theatres For Soldiers On Sundays

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The debate arose from a Government order enabling theatres to be open on Sundays. The Government, however, made it clear that no political implications were involved and that every member was free to vote according to the dictates of his own feelings.

Member after member argued that theatres should have the same freedom as the B.B.C. and cinemas, and the Home Secretary (Mr Herbert Morrison), speaking for the Government, declared that both soldiers and workers needed these facilities.

But meanwhile opponents were busy in the lobbies rounding up supporters and rather to their own surprise, says "Reuter's" Lobby Correspondent, they won.

On a free vote, the order enabling theatres to open on Sundays was defeated by 144 votes against 136.

Pony Classifications

The following alterations and additions to the classification lists of ponies racing under the Hongkong Jockey Club have been issued: "A" Class: Vanity Fair to "A"; The Nine-month Hole to "C"; Balasoo to "D"; Nancy Lee to "E". "China ponies—Velvetlight to "A" Class; Eve of Grandeur to "B" Class; Express to "C" Class; "Smashing Through to "C"; So Nice to "C".

Italian Troops Wiped Out

ATHENS, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Two companies of Italian troops were wiped out in a local operation carried out by the Greeks in Albania on Monday, states the Athens radio quoting the Greek Press Ministry bulletin.



BRITISH SPIRIT—Despite his own wound, British medical officer supervises evacuation of wounded soldiers from Sollum, Egyptian-Libyan desert outpost. They were moved at night during an air raid.

# Chinese Airmen's One Wish—To Bomb Japan

"THOSE who are aware of Japan's many weaknesses know that talk of a Japanese southward move are nothing more than mere threats," said Flight Lieut Ong Siow Peng, a former Singapore Chinese newspaperman, on his return there for a short holiday.

Ong is one of China's leading airmen, having taken part in several dogfights against the Japanese.

Discussing the China war, with special reference to the war in the air, Flight Lieut Ong claimed that so far more than 1,200 Japanese planes had been destroyed.

Chinese Daring

"China has fewer aircraft than the enemy," he continued, "but Chinese airmen make up for this handicap with daring and resource. Often a single Chinese plane is seen engaged in a dogfight with many Japanese."

Flight Lieut Ong disclosed that some of the 500 American planes purchased by China had already arrived.

But America is not helping China only by supplying her with fighter and bomber aircraft. A number of American fliers have joined the Chinese Air Force, while some Americans are now in charge of ground crews in various parts of China.

Only One Wish

"Chinese airmen are always anxious to go up and meet the enemy," said Flight Lieut Ong. "When they have the chance they will not return to their base until they have given the enemy a good account of themselves."

"Pilots of the Chinese Air Force have only one wish—to be sent to bomb Japan," he concluded.

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ATHENS, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Two companies of Italian troops were wiped out in a local operation carried out by the Greeks in Albania on Monday, states the Athens radio quoting the Greek Press Ministry bulletin.

Gift To Roosevelt

CHUNGKING, Apr. 1 (Central News).—President Roosevelt has acknowledged through Mr Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to China, acceptance with thanks of the Chinese painting of 100 doves by Professor Chang Shu-chi of the National Central University, which was presented to him in celebration of his inauguration for a Third Term.

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The demand for British men's wear grows so strongly from month to month, despite Hitler's "total war," that a special retail export group is now being formed by Britain's tailors, bootmakers and saddlers. The vanguard of an invading army of fitters from 300 British tailors are already on their way to the States, complete with samples of spring suitings and taking their tape measures with them.

American men continue to look to London as American women used to look to Paris.



KEY MEN OF RUSSIA—What part Russia will play in eastern European affairs is a moot question nowadays. Here are her key men, recently photographed on the tribune of Lenin Mausoleum, Moscow. From left: Stalin; Vice Chairman Klement Voroshilov and President Mikhail Kalinin.

## Strange Offer Of Marriage

Proposals of marriage lack nothing in novelty these war-time days: but the manner of Katrin Rossello's proposal from Dr Peter Wachstaller, of New York, must be a record.

Miss Rossello, who is Czechoslovakian, met Dr Wachstaller, also a Czech, before he left for New York. Their engagement was announced in Sydney recently.

Miss Rossello was at the Minerva Theatre, where she is playing in the current show, "Reunion in Vienna," when a phone call came through from New York.

As a wartime measure, foreign speech is forbidden by phone, and Miss Rossello, having just heard Dr Wachstaller's voice, found their conversation interrupted by a series of clacking noises; then an interpreter's voice said, "The gentleman ringing you, Miss Rossello, wants to know if you will marry him."

"Tell Him Yes"

"Oh, thank you," said 19-year-old Miss Rossello. "Tell him yes." Miss Rossello is now wearing an engagement ring of three diamonds, set vertically. A photograph of her fiance stands in a leather frame on the table in her dressing-room at the theatre.

The date of their marriage depends upon Miss Rossello's obtaining permission to enter the U.S.A. It will probably be at the end of the year.

**Business Interests**  
After their marriage, they hope to go back to Australia, as Dr Wachstaller has business interests there, reports the Sydney Sun. Miss Rossello is very anxious to continue her theatrical career and work in pictures produced in Australia.

Her mascot, which she carries with her in a handbag on to the stage, is her copy of the script of "I Married An Angel," the first play in which she appeared in Australia.

If she stumbles with her English she clutches the manuscript, remembering the sound of the opening line, which she spoke in the then unaccustomed English, and which so intrigued Sydney playgoers when they first heard her: "I am an Angel."

## Macao's C.I.D. Chief

To Assume New Post

Macao, Mar. 31.  
Mr C. M. de Sequeira, Chief of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Macao Police has been recalled to duty at the Department of Chinese Affairs, but it is reported that leading Chinese residents intend to petition the local Government with a view to retaining the services of the officer in this Colony.

The petitioners are reported to be of the opinion that since the coming into force of the immigration law in Hongkong, a large number of undesirable and bad elements, prevented from entry into the British Colony, have congregated in Macao, so that a certain uneasiness prevails here.

A capable officer and a popular member of the Portuguese community, Mr Sequeira was appointed to his post here in 1930, since when he has been responsible for the solution of many cases of armed robbery and murder. His daring in the execution of his duties has earned for him wide respect and admiration.

For effecting the arrest of a gang of Annamite plotters who planned to foment revolutionary activity in Indo-China sometime ago, Mr Sequeira received, through the French Consulate at Hongkong, the decoration of the Order of the "One Million Elephants and White Parasol."—From a Correspondent.

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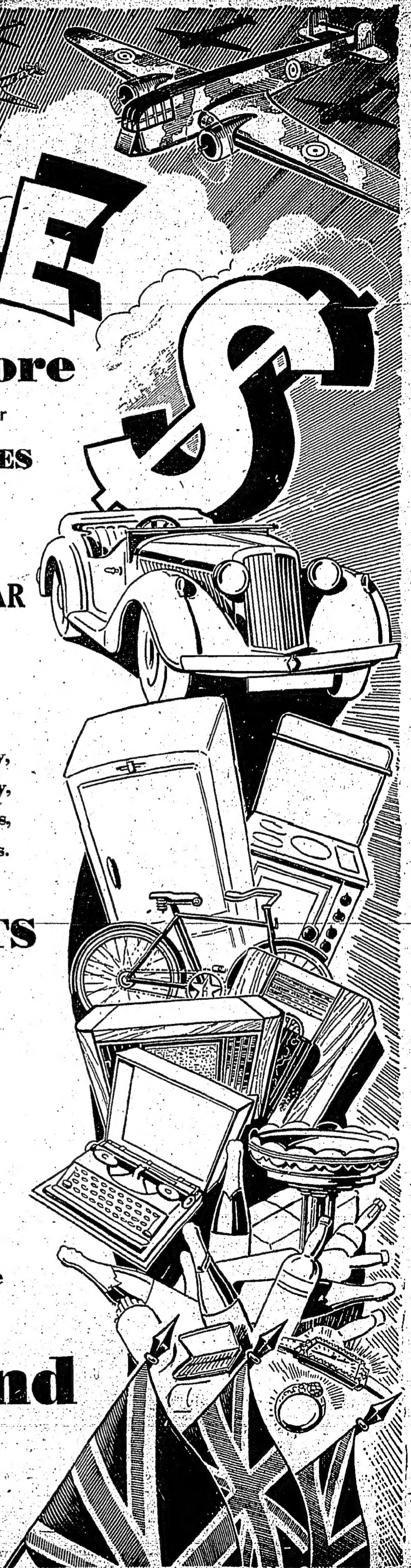
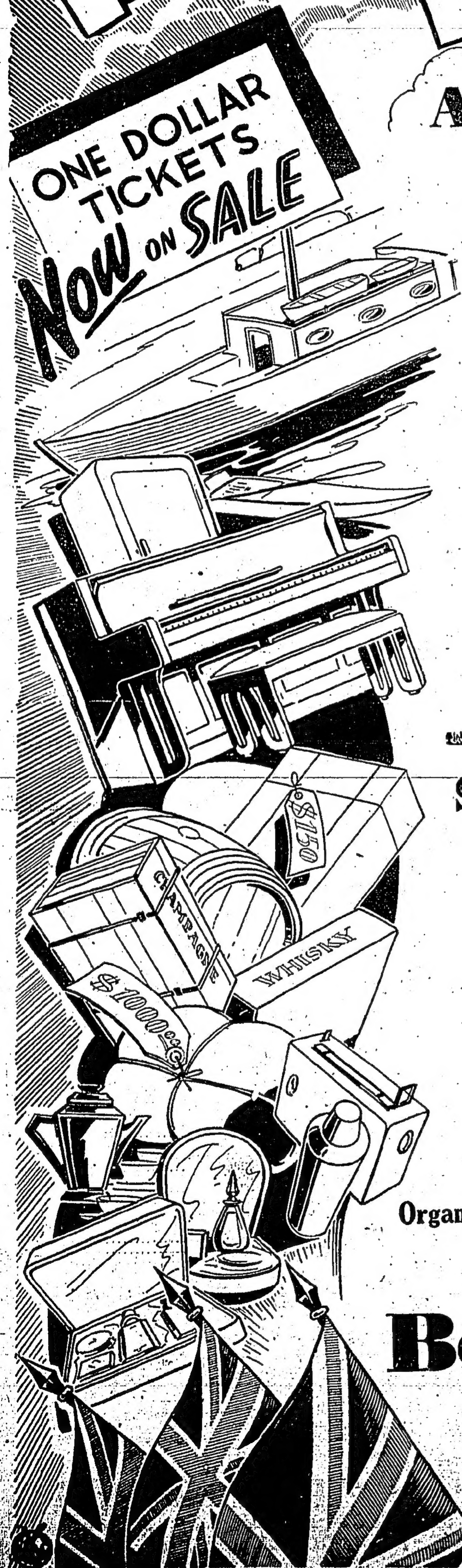
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## BALKANS MOVING TOWARDS WAR

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ation for damage to German property after the coup d'état, full public ratification of the Tripartite Pact and demobilisation in Yugoslavia.

**Nazis "Horried"**  
LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Germany beat her big propaganda drum with a louder and more menacing note to-day, continuing the war of nerves against Yugoslavia.

"The general anti-German tendencies in Yugoslavia have become steadily worse," says a German news agency quoting a semi-official allegation.

"Developments in Yugoslavia are determined by uncontrollable agitators and opponents who set fire to villages, beat women, murder people and drive out the Germans," the statement adds.

**Simovitch Replies**  
VICHY, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—According to a Budapest report, General Simovitch, the Yugo-Slav Prime Minister, has sent a reply to Germany which reached Berlin to-day on "all questions interesting Germany."

## Asmara Captured By British Forces

FROM PAGE ONE

drive against Massawa, Italy's last port on the Red Sea.

The speed of the advance takes additional credit from the fact that the fighting before Keren was of the most exhausting kind, leading to a climax of a fortnight's sustained attacks under the most difficult physical conditions of climate and terrain.

In their progress since Thursday, the British forces have had no easy task, being faced by a steep climb mainly through a defile.

With the fall of Asmara, the problem confronting the Duke of Aosta respecting the safety of Italians, including women and children, daily becomes more difficult.

The possession of the Eritrean capital is not only a direct threat to Massawa, 75 miles away, but also promises finally to sever all communications between Abyssinia and Massawa, leaving the road to Asseb the sole remaining link between Abyssinia and the Red Sea.

Asmara has 100,000 inhabitants, half of whom are Italians. It is 7,000 feet above sea level on a plateau.

## Italians Lose 1,000 Aircraft

FROM PAGE ONE

only a few weeks ago helping our army in their Libyan victory.

The R.A.F. could look back on these achievements with satisfaction, "but it is what lies ahead that matters in war. The ships have many storms to weather yet." Marshal Longmore concluded, wishing good luck to the R.A.F. in the Middle East and at home.

## Coal Strike In U.S.A.

NEW YORK, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Some 450,000 workers are affected by the stoppage of work in the United States' major bituminous coal mines. The strike is due to a deadlock over a new contract for miners.

## LATE NEWS

## School Of Accountancy & Commerce

Results just received by the Registrar, International Institute of Accountants, Incorporated, show that many local candidates were awarded Honours in the Intermediate and Final examinations held in December, 1940. It is noteworthy that all the candidates so awarded, except one, had received their training at the School of Accountancy & Commerce, Kowloon. The following is the list of S.A.C. passes:

Intermediate Bookkeeping I.—Norman Broadbridge (Honours); S. E. Bux; L. T. H. Phelps; Cheung Sik-kee; Yu Fop-lun.

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## Eight Nazi, Italian Ships Set on Fire

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and Italy have demanded the release of the seized ships and crews.

**28 Ships Damaged**  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (UP).—A recapitulation made by the Treasury Department reveals that 28 of the 28 Italian ships and one of the two German ships which were seized were previously damaged.

**French Fleet's Future**  
NEW YORK, Apr. 1 (UP).—The "World Telegram" to-day reported that the French Lino has consulted the Treasury Department and the State Department regarding a plan to place the French merchant fleet, except the Normandie, in service between Indo China and New York.

It is reported that they pointed out that large quantities of rubber and other essential defence materials is awaiting shipment and they are willing to place an American super-cargo aboard each ship to guarantee that she reaches the port for which she sails.

**Two Burnt Out**  
SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The German steamer, Eisenach, 4,177 tons, and the Italian vessel, Fella, 6,042 tons, were completely destroyed by fire at Punta Arenas.

The crews have been arrested and put in gaol here awaiting trial.

**Peruvian Destroyers Chase**  
LIMA, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The Peruvian destroyers, Almirante Guiso and Almirante Villar, have been despatched by the naval authorities at Callao to chase the two German ships that weighed anchor last night and made for the high seas.

It is thought that they will be intercepted by the Canadian warship Prince Henry, which visited Callao last week.

Both the German ships, over 5,000 tons each, were set on fire by the crews an hour later. The crews were interned.

**Mexico Follows Suit**  
MEXICO, CITY, Apr. 1 (UP).—The Mexican Government to-day ordered the navy to place in protective custody 12 Italian ships with a gross tonnage of 73,886 tons, and aboard which there are 300 men.

Two have already been seized at Vera Cruz, while a gunboat is enroute to Tampico to take over the others.

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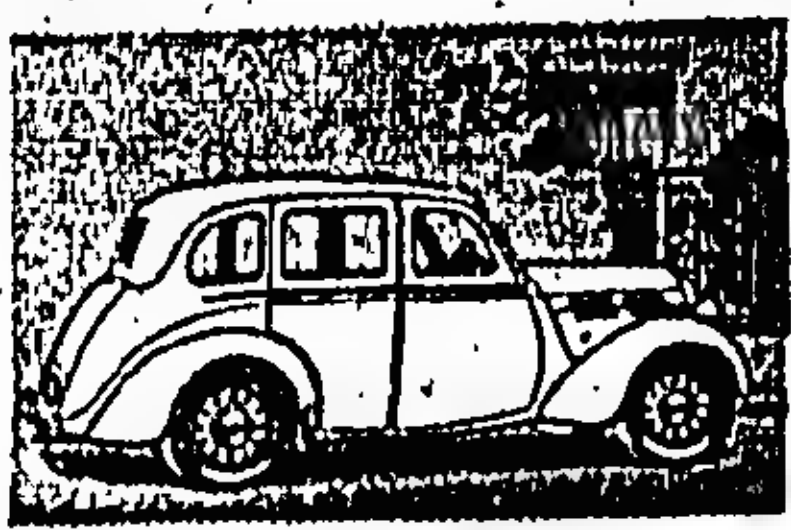
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## ASMARA, CAPITAL OF ERITREA CAPTURED BY BRITISH FORCES

### Italians Continue Steady Retreat

CAIRO, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that Asmara, the capital of Eritrea, has been captured.

Following the withdrawal from Dire Dawa, the Italians in Eastern Abyssinia are not expected to offer strong resistance until the British forces reach the Awash River, about 100 miles from Addis Ababa, stated a military spokesman last night.

He added that nothing is noticeable of modern defences around Asmara.

### BALKANS MOVING TOWARDS WAR

#### Nazi Troops Concentrating

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELGRADE, Apr. 1 (UP).—It is reported that the Germans are concentrating on the Yugo-Slavian frontier in numbers unknown, but including the whole of one unit of paratroopers.

The process of moving the permanent archives to interior point has been under way for more than a month, but this was naturally speeded up this week. There is no frantic haste of foreigners to evacuate. The few British women still remaining in Belgrade were advised several weeks ago to leave unless their duties urgently required their staying.

### TRIPOLI IS HEAVILY BOMBED

#### Abyssinia, Albania Visited By R.A.F.

CAIRO, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Another heavy raid on Tripoli features the R.A.F. communique relating to the continued activity of British, South African and Australian planes in the African theatres of war.

Air Force bombers, it says, during the night of March 30 heavily attacked enemy merchant ships and docks at Tripoli. Enemy aerodromes and concentrations of transport in Tripolitania were bombed and machine-gunned and damage was inflicted on dispersed aircraft and vehicles.

Enemy bombers which attempted to raid Libya yesterday were intercepted by Australian fighters. One Messerschmitt was shot down and a number of Breda 20s (Italian dive-bombers) were damaged.

#### Fires In Asmara

Air Force bombers yesterday made heavy attacks on enemy positions north of Telsassa and on the railway station at Asmara, causing several fires.

In the Dessie-Assab area, large numbers of motor transport vehicles were damaged by bombs and machine-gun attacks, and the depot at Tundiko and a petrol dump north-east of Dessie were also bombed.

South African aircraft bombed troop quarters and started fires among military buildings in villages in Southern Abyssinia.

#### Over Albania

In Albania yesterday, a successful raid was made on troops and motor transport moving on the Buzi-Glavo road. Direct hits were observed on the road and on enemy vehicles. From all operations, British aircraft returned safely with one exception.

### Spaniards Released

VICHY, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Forty thousand political prisoners, accused of rebellion, will be liberated under a law signed by General Franco to-day, the second anniversary of the end of the Civil War, says a Madrid dispatch to the French official news agency.

The men to be freed are ex-soldiers of the Republican Army or civilians who supported the Republican regime. Their liberation is conditional, and will become final only after each case has been individually examined.

CAIRO, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—A meeting of British and enemy forces in Libya, continued British advance in Eritrea with the capture of more prisoners, and rapid progress in Abyssinia are reported in a G.H.Q. communique.

It says that advanced elements of our forces were yesterday in contact with enemy infantry and mechanised units in Mersa Brega area, Libya.

Despite the extensive demolition on the main road to Asmara, our advance in Eritrea continues. During the last 48 hours, a further 800 prisoners were taken, including another Brigade Commander.

#### Communications Damaged

Although communications in this area have been extensively damaged by the retreating Italian forces, our advance from Dire Dawa outside the railway and road to Addis Ababa is making rapid progress. In all other sectors, the penetration into Southern Abyssinia is enlarging, particularly in the area north of Lake Rudolf.

#### Massawa Next

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Asmara, the capital of Eritrea, has fallen. This success, which is likely to prove the beginning of the end of resistance in Eritrea, follows only five days after the capture of Keren. In that brief time, British and Indian forces, ably supported by the R.A.F., have pursued and dispersed the Italians over 75 miles to to-day's new resounding victory.

The way is now open for the next

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### Luftwaffe Fury

#### Blitz Northeast Town

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
NORTHEAST COAST TOWN, Apr. 1 (UP).—The Luftwaffe hurled its second blitz in a fortnight on a northeast coast town for two hours last night. They changed their usual strategy by using only high explosives, resulting in widespread damage to property.

It is feared that the casualties will be numerous when the rescuers have finished digging out the victims who are buried in the masses of ruins. The raiders unloaded very heavy explosives. Shopping centres were badly damaged.

The main thoroughfare was badly damaged.

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### Eight Nazi & Italian Ships Set on Fire

Special to the "Telegraph"

PUERTO CABELLO, Venezuela, Apr. 1 (UP).—One German freighter and three Italian freighters were set afire and scuttled by their crews at 7 o'clock on Monday evening and are all total wrecks. The crew were taken ashore and interned.

#### Freighters on Fire

CALLAO, Apr. 1 (UP).—The German freighters Leipzig, 5,898 tons and the Monserrate, 5,678 tons which were loaded with cotton were set afire when a Peruvian cruiser attempted to frustrate their sailing. Both will probably be total losses and the crews will be interned. About 300 Italians and 30 German crewmen involved in the scuttling of the ships were taken ashore in lifeboats and thence to the city goal. They were later taken inland to the city of Valencia, where they are interned.

Meanwhile, the authorities have lifted the martial law which was proclaimed during the disorders attendant to the scuttling. Mobs des-

troys the German owned Gambirius Hotel.  
More German Sabotage  
PAITA, Peru, Apr. 1 (UP).—The German freighter Friesland of undetermined tonnage has been set afire and expected to be a total loss. The German freighters Hermonthis, 2,610 tons and the Muenchen, 2,315 tons fled from Callao on Monday evening.  
Wants Prompt Release  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (UP).—It is reliably learned that Germany and Italy have demanded the prompt release of the Axis ships and their crews.  
No Knowledge  
BERLIN, Apr. 1 (UP).—Authorised quarters say nothing is known here regarding the report that Germany

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### Italians Lose 1,000 Aircraft

#### Effectiveness Of R.A.F. In Middle East

CAIRO, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The important part played by the Royal Air Force in the British victories on land and sea in North Africa and the Mediterranean was emphasised by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Middle East, broadcasting from here to-day on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of the birth of the R.A.F.

He referred to the fact that over 1,000 Italian aircraft have been destroyed in the Middle East and paid great tribute to the magnificent defence of R.A.F. fighters at Malta and the splendid work of R.A.F. aircraft allotted for sea and port reconnaissance in co-operation with the Navy.

#### Enemy Fleet Located

Immediately before last week's naval victory, he added, R.A.F. sea reconnaissance aircraft had located the enemy forces and continued to report their movements.

Acting on this information, R.A.F. bombers attacked and hit and crippled one, and possibly two of the cruisers and one of the destroyers out of those finally disposed of by Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham.

Many of the bomber crews who participated in that operation were

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### Italians Plastered With Bombs

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—We found the Italian ships steaming like Billy-ho for home and fairly plastered them," was a Squadron Leader's description of one R.A.F. attack on the Italians during Friday's naval battle.

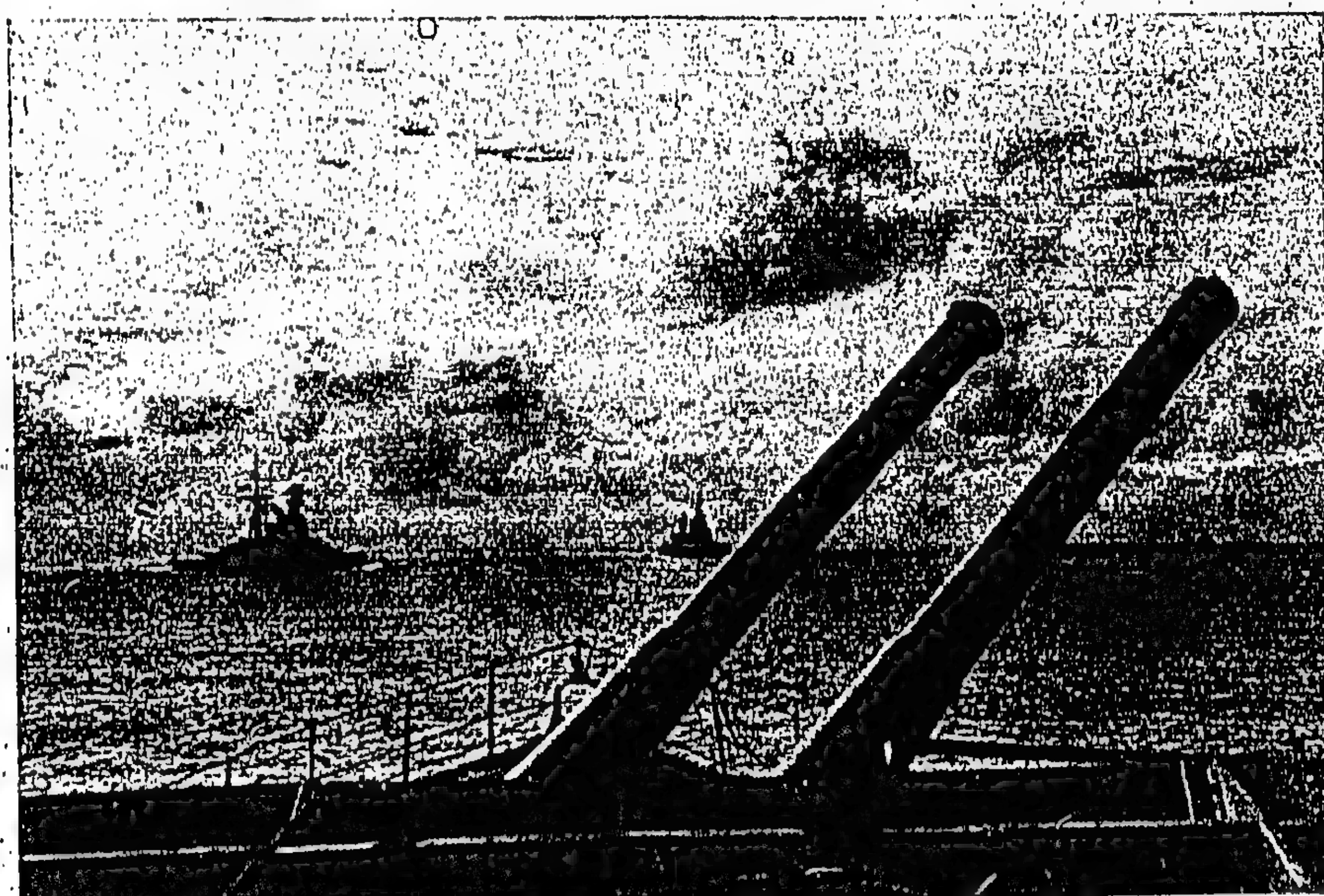
This squadron was on route for a normal raid on Tripoli, when it received news of the war at sea and cheerfully altered direction.

"We hit one big ship twice amidships," he said, "and she stopped with clouds of black and yellow smoke shooting up 200 feet."

News of the Italian panic comes from the leader of another R.A.F. attack. "We found the Italians fleeing in great confusion, zig-zagging violently and occasionally getting in each other's way," he said, adding simply "We bombed them and increased the confusion."

### Mediterranean Sea Might

Behind the formidable twin-gun turret of a British destroyer are seen the majestic silhouettes of two famous British battleships as they patrol the Mediterranean, observes the official caption to this picture just received in Hongkong from London. It is probable that the battleships pictured here were those which took part in the Ionian Sea naval victory. This picture gives the lie to Italy's boasts of the Mediterranean being "an Italian lake."



### Marshal Badoglio Instigates Revolution Plot In Italy

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Apr. 1 (UP).—American travellers who have returned from Italy reported that Mussolini averted a recent revolution by sending some Cabinet Ministers to the front and chasing General Badoglio into the King's Palace.

### Devastating Raid By R.A.F. On Emden

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Some idea of the terrific devastation which followed the visit of the R.A.F. to the German industrial centre of Emden last night may be gathered from a report by the Air Ministry in which six bombs dropped—the most powerful ever carried in a bomber—are compared with ordinary bombs carried both by the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe as "shells of howitzers to those of the field gun."

A stick of incendiaries from one of the first aircraft started over three fires in the centre of the town, by the light of which streets could be seen. The fires made an ideal aiming point. One observer describing the fall of a huge bomb said that there was a colossal flash and the crew of the machine saw great masses of debris flung high into the air. From the height the machine was flying, it was obvious that these were no ordinary fragments, proving that enormous destruction had been done.

Moreover, the debris must have been thrown to a great height as there was a distinct interval before they settled down again.

#### 37th Attack on Emden

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Apr. 1 (UP).—Last night's attacks were the 37th on Bremen and the 37th on Emden.

Another observer said that it seemed as if the whole building had been thrown into the air.

### VATICAN ACCUSATION

—Pagan Nazis

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Fresh accusations about religious conditions in Germany were made in a broadcast from the Vatican Radio to-night. The announcer declared that religious houses had been closed all over Germany, often with no pretext at all and these houses had not been returned to their proper owners.

"Recruiting Christians is made difficult, and religious instruction is almost entirely absent from the schools, in many of which a priest is not allowed to enter the classes. Difficulties are also placed in the way of priests in communicating with and assisting soldiers, and he knows that any slight error he might make against one or other Government rules may result in his expulsion from the parish."

They said that General Badoglio was leader of a plot which was supported by the Ministers. Mussolini learned of the plot and thwarted it and Badoglio was protected by King Victor Emanuel.

"They declared that the Italians are growing resentful over German troops being in Italy."

#### Revolution Plot

Mrs Cecil Brown, wife of the Columbia Broadcasting System's commentator at Rome, who was ordered to leave Italy yesterday, brought notes and a diary from her husband saying that the revolution plot started two months ago.

Mrs Brown said that it was reported that before the attack on Greece, Count Ciano assured Il Duce that the Greeks would not resist because he had "bribed all the Mayors along the Greek frontier." However, General Metaxas learned of the plot and told the Mayors to "get all they could."

### King Of Greece Receives Eden

ATHENS, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Mr Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, was received by King George of Greece to-day, according to the Athens radio.

### U.S.-German Showdown In 60 Days is Forecast

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Apr. 1 (UP).—The columnists Raymond Clapper and Phillip Simms see the United States moving towards war, with a possible showdown within 60 days. Both believe that the United States must convey supplies, which would mean that the Germans would attack the ships.

Mr Clapper said: "We are moving with increasing speed on a course of undeclared, and thus far, bloodless war. Most informed circles here believe that the conveying of goods to Britain will be undertaken soon."

"It will require courage on the part of the Administration because it means to risk actual hostilities to which a considerable section of the public is still opposed. Evidently, President Roosevelt believes the country should not allow a love for peace to prevent it from doing what is necessary to achieve total victory."

Mr Simms asserted: "An early showdown between the United States and the Axis is regarded as a virtual certainty, probably within the next sixty days. The seizure of the Axis ships, probably for British use, is only a straw in the wind. The belief here is that the United States will be in the war by June or thereabouts."

"President Roosevelt has given Britain and the world his solemn pledge not to stop until Hitler is defeated—thus, the Hitler train and the Roosevelt train are racing towards each other on the same track, and few believe that a crash can be avoided. Almost everyone believes that the United States must use its navy and air force if she is to 'deliver the goods,' whereupon the shooting will start automatically."



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The Congress of the Socialist Party of Uruguay has sent a message of greeting, through Mr. Attlee, to the British Labour Movement.

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
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Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

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1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Negro Spirituals.

Help Me To Fly Over Jordan (Trad.-arr. Manning); No. 10. Hiding Place (Trad.-arr. Manning); Sam Manning's West Indian Rhythm. Soys with Vocal Refrain by Sam Manning and Chorus; Run, Mary, Run (arr. Gion); Nobody Knows Do Trouble I Sees (arr. Gion); Edna Thomas (Soprano) with Piano; Going To Shout All Over God's Heaven (Trad.).

Louis Armstrong and The Lyrical Murray Quartet with Piano, Guller String Bass and Drums.

1.17 Patricia Romborough (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, and Announcements.

1.45 Jack Payne and His Band.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Tchaikowsky—The Sleeping Princess.

Introduction—The Fairy Carabosse—The Lilac Fairy—The Six Fairies—Valse—The Rose Adagio—Puss in Boots—The Diamond and Silver Fairies—Mazurka and Apothecary.... Sadler's Wells Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—From the Old Country.

Talk by Robert Donat.

7.30 Eileen Joyce (Piano), and Joseph Silgell (Violin).

Impromptu Op. 90, No. 4 (Schubert); Eileen Joyce (Piano); Caprice No. 24 (Variations in A Minor) (Paganini); Joseph Silgell (Violin) with Piano; Romance (Brahms); Au Bord D'une Source (Liszt); Eileen Joyce (Piano); Menuet (Debussy-Dushkin); Joseph Silgell (Violin) with Piano.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Walter Glynn (Tenor) and the New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra.

8.30 Studio—Makers of Medicine No. 6: A Woman Healer Who Never Failed—St. Hildegard.

Talk by Father G. Byrne.

8.50 The Kentucky Minstrels.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Musical Comedy Selections.

Follow the Sun Selection.... Jack Jackson's Dorchester Hotel Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Conversation Piece (Noel Coward); Nevermore, I'll Follow My Secret Heart.... Gloria Graffon (Soprano) with Orchestra; 'Stop Press'—Selection.... New Mayfair Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Glamorous Night (Novello); Fold Your Wings.... Mary Ellis and Trevor Jones with Orchestra; Shine Through My Dreams.... Trevor Jones (Tenor) with Orchestra.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 Studio—The First of a series of Talks on Drama of Yesterday and To-day by Evelyn Wood. Illustrated by scenes from Classical and Modern Plays.

Those taking part are: Peggy Chubb, Winnie Cox, Sheila Mackinlay, Claude Burgess, Cyril Jones, E. O'Neill Shaw.

10.35 Variety.

11.00 Close Down.

## Badminton Championship Fixtures

The following are the badminton fixtures for both the Colony Championships and the "B" Division championship:

FRIDAY APR. 4  
At Rectorio

8 p.m. P. A. Yvanovich v. T. S. Young (Junior Singles).

8.30 p.m. C. Y. Yung and S. Koh v. P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew (Senior Doubles).

9 p.m. A. L. Fisher v. J. L. Anderson (Junior Singles).

TUESDAY, APR. 8  
At K.C.C.

7.45 p.m. N. Smith v. P. A. Yvanovich or T. S. Young (Junior Singles).

8.15 p.m. C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v. P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Junior Doubles).

8.45 p.m. M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho v. K. M. Choy and K. B. Lo (Senior Doubles).

9.30 p.m. H. C. Eardley and N. Smith v. P. Wong and C. Au (Senior Doubles).

WEDNESDAY, APR. 9  
At Rectorio

8 p.m. C. Y. Yung v. K.C.C. or St. John's ("B" Division Championship).

THURSDAY, APR. 10  
At Jewish R.O.

Women's first round doubles matches.

7.30 p.m. Miss M. M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier v. Miss J. Chao and Miss M. Chung.

8.00 p.m. Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. O. M. Silva v. Miss U. Khoo and Mrs. Wilson.

8.30 p.m. Miss G. White and Miss F. Wong v. Mrs. N. Castro and Miss T. Gonsalves.

9.00 p.m. Mrs. Terrible and Mrs. Zimmerman v. Miss Noronha and Miss Pereira.

The above matches will bring all competitors to the semi-final stages, with the exception of one match in the Mixed Doubles.

Semi-final fixtures will be announced later, and these will probably be played at either the Club de Regato or the Kowloon C.C.

## WHERE YUGO-SLAVIA STANDS

### Pact May Not Be Rejected

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The policy adopted by the new Yugo-Slav Government is clear and unequivocal, writes "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent. They wish to maintain peace, to keep close and friendly relations with all their neighbours and above all, to safeguard their political independence and territorial integrity.

While they have not repudiated the Tripartite Pact, they are examining it very carefully and objectively. If its provisions do not run counter to Yugo-Slav policy, the Government of General Simovitch will probably not denounce the signatures of its predecessors.

But, adds the correspondent, it is evident that the Germans are not prepared to leave the interpretation of the Pact in the hands of General Simovitch and his Government.

### No Neutrality

To the Nazis, as they have repeatedly declared, there is no such thing as neutrality. A country must be either for or against them, especially if the Germans are able to enforce this point of view.

In these circumstances, Germany's attitude would leave Yugo-Slavia only the alternatives of subservience or the consequences of refusal, and it is significant that German propaganda is now running in the same direction as it took before the attacks on Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland. But the Germans are dealing in Belgrade with a Government which has come to power on a tide of national feeling against serfdom. As a result, an attempt to drive a wedge between the Serbs and the Croats and Slovenes is unlikely to be more successful than the effort to intimidate the Serbs with stories of the "horrible" persecution of German settlers.

The Croats are strongly democratic and consequently are opposed to totalitarian methods and ideas. In addition, the recent Allied successes, coupled with the American attitude, have influenced opinion in the Balkans.

## TERRORISING SHAI PRESS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Apr. 2 (UP).—Chinese terrorists last night bombed the pro-Chungking Chinese vernacular "Ta Chung News Agency" and seriously injured one employee.

The agency which is located on Shanghai's "newspaper row," Avenue Edward VII, was not seriously damaged.

## Peru Acts Against Lufthansa

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LMIA, Apr. 1 (UP).—Authorities to-day detained two Lufthansa planes at the aerodrome and shortly thereafter took into custody Ernst Krefft, Manager of the Kosmoshaping Shipping Lines and Ernst Eifers, Manager of Lufthansa.

Police officers have occupied the Lufthansa offices at the aerodrome.

## KIANGSI WAR Chinese Extend Operations

SIUHSU, Apr. 1 (Central News).—Following the collapse of the Japanese offensive in the Kuoan-Fengshieh sector, Chinese forces are launching a concerted attack on Fengshieh, important city on the south bank of the Yangtze 38 miles below Kiukiang, in north-east Kiangsi.

Advancing in several columns, the Chinese on March 28 captured the Japanese position at Wangfushan, a strategic height south of Fengshieh, following a furious engagement.

On March 29, the Japanese dispatched a large relief detachment to the Wangfushan region but it was intercepted by the Chinese.

Paiyuan, another important point south of Fengshieh, was reduced on March 28. Severe fighting is proceeding there as the Japanese are counter-attacking.

### Suiyuan Fighting

WEST SUIYUAN, Apr. 1 (Central News).—Severe fighting has been in progress on the southern bank of the Yellow River south of Paotow since the latter part of March.

Following the capture of Chaling, Shengkal and Heliang, the Chinese on March 28 launched a furious assault on Langkang and occupied the point. The Japanese staged a counter-attack but it was turned back abandoning more than 100 dead.

### South Kwangtung

CHUNGKING, Apr. 1 (Central News).—Fighting on the southern Kwangtung coast is continuing unabated but the Japanese advance inland is being effectively blocked.

The unit pushing north from Moitung was checked at Yatchung on March 28 and is being engaged.

Intercepted and defeated on March 28, another Japanese column attacking Hoping west of Chaoyang is retreating towards Salngam.

On March 27 and 28, the Chinese launched repeated attacks on the Japanese at Kulow, Salang and Tapha and other points south of Chaoyang. Besides inflicting over 100 casualties on the Chinese captured a Japanese detachment commander and burned down the headquarters of a puppet peace maintenance committee there.

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Total Calories Consumed per Rat	2220	2220
Net Gain per 100 gm. Food Consumed	19.3 gm.	16.8 gm.
Gain per 100 Calories Consumed	3.4 gm.	3.23 gm.
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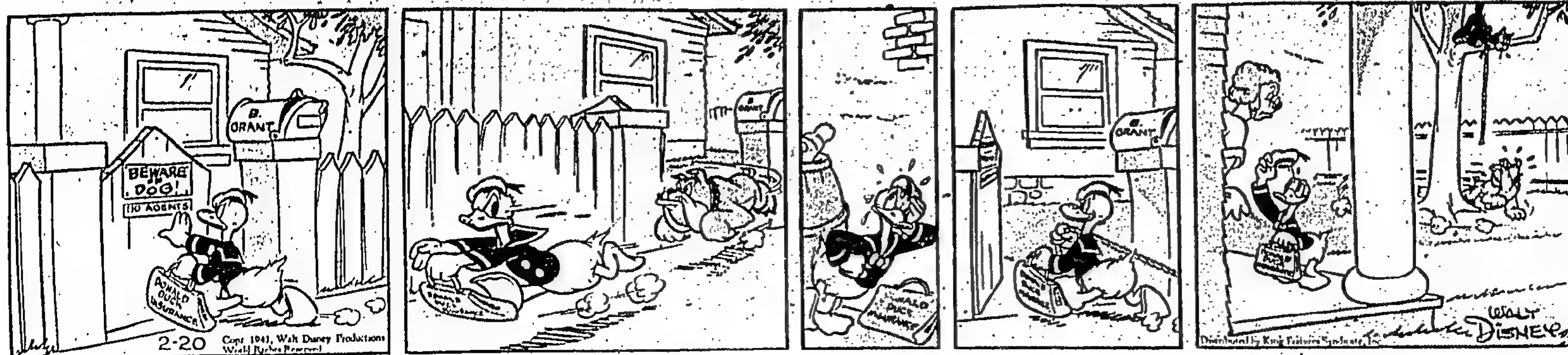
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# The Men In The TANKS

by H. V. Morton

"ACTION!"—And the crews race to their tanks.

NOT far from the Royal Armoured Corps Training Regiment, two big tanks like extinct saurians came pounding along the lane. I gingerly edged the car into the side of the lane and stopped; but the tanks, with the obstinate obtuseness of large animals, decided to stop too, so that we remained wedged wheel to track.

As I waited, the turret lid of the first tank opened and a face appeared—a mild face wearing spectacles. It was a surprising apparition from such a machine. One might have expected a savage face, a tough face, but not a face like that. It was as if one had opened the Wooden Horse of Troy to find a curate inside it.

The face was followed by another, but different type of face; a face made in Yorkshire, if I am any judge of faces; and by yet a third face of the kind I have seen all my life in smoking-carriages at London Bridge.

The owners of these faces heaved themselves up, and slithered down the armour plate to the ground, where they became involved in a technical discussion with a pair of extremely bright eyes seen through a steel slit in the monster's belly.

Corps, where men like those I had met in the lane are taken from a thousand civilian occupations and taught how to drive tanks, how to look after them, how to become tank gunners, signallers, and so forth. The Royal Armoured Corps is the name now given to all tank units of the Army. These are the Royal Tank Regiment (which used to be the Tank Corps) and the mechanised cavalry and yeomanry. When I passed the gates I found myself in a town of tanks.

Whole ranges of workshops were devoted to them. In immense stables these sinister brutes were being groomed by young men in black berets.

Everywhere I looked I saw them gliding along with their guns smoothly lifting or falling.

## How They Train

The roads shook to the advance of the big tanks; the cruisers sailed along with the dignity of warships, while now and then a whippet would suggest by its agility that under the hand of an old troop sergeant it might take a five-barred gate in passing.

In the orderly room they showed me the syllabus of training; and I was suitably impressed. The brain power of the nation must have increased enormously in recent years if men can really take in all they are supposed to take in during the process of becoming soldiers.

The Commandant, an ex-cavalry officer, spoke to me about tanks, tank crews, and tank tactics as if there was nothing else in the Army.

"He led his tanks in big, powerful masses. That's the way to use tanks. Don't be afraid of them! The steel walls of England!"

Then he spoke of his recruits as if they were the cream of the earth; and I thought how astonished they would be, could they hear him, because he was not the kind of man, I judged, who went round kissing good-night or placing bouquets in the huts.

"The men coming into the Royal Armoured Corps to-day are a wonderful crowd," he said, "and we're proud to have them and to train them."

"Although they've got varied backgrounds, they are all alike in one thing: they long to smash the enemy, and we in the Royal Armoured Corps know as much about smashing tactics as anybody."

I was told how men arrive straight from civil life and are given an intelligence and psychology test to decide whether they are best fitted to be gunners or drivers.

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"Accountants and solicitors make good gunners," I was told.

## In Quick Motion

Walking round the depot, I had a confusing impression of men committed to a life of bewildering technicality.

# Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Kind of fastening (pl.)
- 2—Vehicle
- 3—Mark left by wheels
- 4—Humiliated governor
- 5—Short poem
- 6—Certain sea weeds
- 7—Palatinate
- 8—Rag of louse
- 9—Outward seeming
- 10—Unleashed
- 11—Moving about
- 12—Last course of dinner
- 13—Insects in annoying way
- 14—Declines with conviction
- 15—Kind of pastry
- 16—Contriving anew
- 17—Room about stentilily
- 18—Historical period
- 19—Kind of nut
- 20—Make love to
- 21—Virtuous
- 22—Unpleasant behavior
- 23—Combining form: recent
- 24—Inspiring fear
- 25—Beaver fur
- 26—Capable of being maintained
- 27—Having adequate power
- 28—Former cover of council table
- 29—Stuffed cabbage
- 30—Act of granting temporary use (pl.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- 1—Dragged by force
- 2—Hooded cap of fur
- 3—Withers
- 4—Scrubland
- 5—Yellow of the Royal Society (abbr.)
- 6—Draw together at joint point
- 7—Mine entrance
- 8—Toss to this again
- 9—Drop in middle
- 10—Punch
- 11—Lively
- 12—Demolisher
- 13—Origin of plant (pl.)
- 14—Scene of action
- 15—Reputation ( slang)
- 16—Girl's name
- 17—Here taste
- 18—Breasts notably in sleep
- 19—Alike sheep
- 20—Lift
- 21—Por
- 22—Initiations
- 23—Are under obligation to
- 24—Late
- 25—Narrow passages
- 26—Lemon
- 27—Indio aerial
- 28—Contestation
- 29—Lent of grass
- 30—Sedile purple seaweed
- 31—Water pitchers
- 32—Prefix: around
- 33—Self (Scottish)
- 34—Bask in liquid

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### The Hongkong Telegraph

Wednesday, April 2, 1941.

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#### GLORIOUS VICTORY

WHEN a naval spokesman in England on Sunday declared that the victory accomplished by British naval and air units in the Ionian Sea was the greatest news since the start of the war, he was expressing the thoughts of the whole British Empire and the rest of the Democratic world. The action, in the course of which at least seven Italian warships were sunk without a single loss to ourselves, has been described as the Jutland of the Mediterranean, and the greatest battle since Trafalgar; be that as it may, the real importance of the engagement is that once again the claim that the British navy is the finest fighting force in the world has been substantiated.

Skillful strategy, first-class marksmanship and perfect co-ordination between naval craft and aerial units made possible the British victory. When the full history of the action comes to be written, it will stir the hearts of the entire world. Already enough has been told to permit an appreciation of the glorious work accomplished both by the navy and the fleet air arm; the Orion's clever manoeuvring which completely fooled the Italian fleet, enabling the British capital ships to batter into a state of helplessness five cruisers and two destroyers; the swift and deadly assault by the diving British planes with their aerial torpedoes, which found their marks so surely that the Italian vessels were too crippled to make their escape; and the Consolidating work of the British destroyers who finished off the Italians with their accurately aimed torpedoes. Each and every ship and plane made a notable and decisive contribution to the victory; the whole anti-Axis world will echo Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham's "Well Done".

The defeat has filled Mussolini's cup of bitterness to overflowing. He has lost an Empire, and his much vaunted fleet has been rendered ineffective; within

A SECRET British military mission, it has been revealed, is operating deep in the heart of Abyssinia. Great secrecy surrounds the identity of the British officers who are leading it. In this article PHILIP JORDAN makes a discreet guess—and tells you about it.

## ARE THESE THE MEN?

If you turn your back on the Cairo Opera House and go towards the Nile down the street that everybody still calls Maghrabi, even though its name is now changed, you will find a little restaurant some hundred yards down on the left. It is called Au Petit Coin de France.

Most of its customers sit in the shaded courtyard that lies between the street and the restaurant itself; and here, twice a day, they try to imagine that they are not in Egypt at all, but back in France. Even when the khamsin is blowing off the desert and the temperature is 115 deg. and there is so much sand in the air that you can hardly see the women having their hair permanently waved in the window of the Greek coiffeur opposite, men will still attempt to recapture the forgotten pleasures of Europe by eating cassoulet toulousaine and washing it down with huge draughts of iced wine.

On Fridays they serve bouillabaisse, the saffronspiced fish soup that comes from Marseilles.

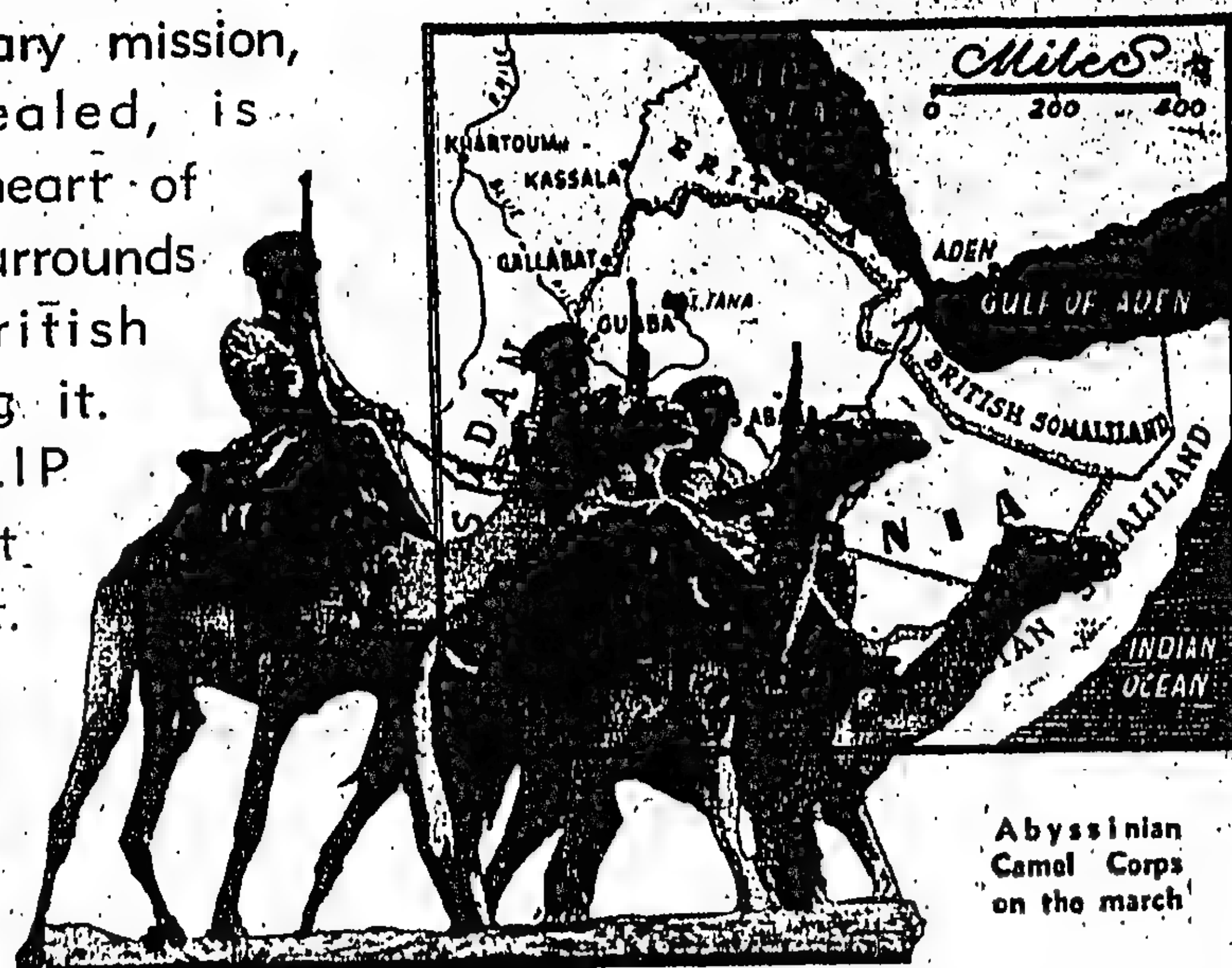
If you had gone into this restaurant on a Friday evening almost any time up to August last you would probably have seen two men dining together, both officers of the British Army. One, almost certainly, would have been eating bouillabaisse, the other spaghetti with a thick meat sauce. Almost certainly one or other of these two men is whose name wild horses will not now drag from War Office

spokesmen. You have read about him. Romantic journalists, with a turn for a phrase, have called him the "Lawrence of Abyssinia." He is the man who now moves quietly among the black granite gorges of Abyssinia, training the patriots to attack Mussolini's flagging army, holding them back from rash enterprises, marshalling them into battle order, and sending reports on their prowess and efficiency back to G.H.Q. in Cairo.

HAD you noticed these two men you would have passed them by without a thought. One, the shorter of the two, you might have imagined a fairly successful stockbroker with a turn for farming. The other, tall and thin, might have been one of those eternally unsuccessful scholars who haunt the public libraries in time of peace; the sort of man on whose waistcoat you would not ever be surprised to find spilled snuff.

Yet, the first has never seen the inside of a stock exchange in his life, the second—because he has no mean library of his own—has probably never visited one that is open to the public.

If you did more than notice them, if you overheard their conversation or, as I frequently did, dined with them in the inner room of the restaurant, you would have been content to sit quiet and listen to their words. Both spoke of Abyssinia and of its coming liberation. They talked of nothing else; but if, by chance, the conversation should leave that subject, the tall thin man, like the Dormouse in Alice in Wonderland, would drop



asleep. Or seem to. But I always felt that even if he were snoring or under an anaesthetic, I would have only to murmur the word "Ethiopia," for him to spring from slumber, ready armed to do battle on its behalf.

They lived, breathed, ate Abyssinia. They loved it. At those dinners they told me tales about it, about its poets, its warriors and its customs. They insisted that Italian propaganda had been so strong during the Abyssinian war, when Haile Selassie had no voice of comparable strength, that the world, and even Ethiopia's friends, had been misled about its people. They begged me to do what I would to right the wrongs that Italian propaganda had done; they were impatient, as you or I might be impatient if someone whom we loved were wrongfully imprisoned.

ONLY one thing distracted their attention. Not the bouillabaisse or the iced wine, but the nightly arrival of the Arab conjuror, whose only admirers they seemed to be. In his own language they would joke with him, make him admit he was a humbug; and send him away feeling pleased with himself.

They understood such men, and felt happy in their company, which is why they understood the Abyssinian case; and why, also, now hidden in the mountains of which they spoke so well, they will be the best delegates that we can find for such a job.

In those early days of war they never dressed in uniform. But even when General Wavell forbade his of-

ficers any longer to appear in public in plain clothes, there didn't seem to be much difference in their appearances. They were not like the ordinary Army officer, ready merely to do what they were told; they were men with visions of their own; and concerned only with how best those visions might come true.

Many a time I have seen "the Dormouse" driving through the hot streets of Cairo in a gharry as though he were fast asleep. But he missed nothing. He might sometimes forget your question before he had time to answer it, but never, no matter how severe the dose of fever he had upon him, to answer your questions about Abyssinia.

I wish I could remember half the things he told me. But if I have forgotten them, I have remembered the place with which he used to recite the latest discomfiture of some wretched Italian convoy ambushed on a mountain road.

"What d'you think those fellows have done now?" That's what he said suddenly in my ear one morning when I was busy reading Reuter's tape in the hotel lounge. And I would have been a dunce had I not immediately known who "those fellows" were. The Abyssinians, of course.

"They've captured an Italian A.A. gun and turned it point-blank on a convoy. Blown 'em to smithereens."

"What next?" was all that I could say. "You wait."

WELL, he has waited longer than most of us. Waited with a supreme and unswerving faith for the justice that is now being done; and happy, at last, that he is contributing to that justice.

Because all the wild horses will not drag a confirmation from the War Office that this so-called "Lawrence" is one of these two men, I cannot be sure that I am right. But, well, yes, I think I am safe in saying so: I'll be prepared to eat my hat if they have not, at this minute, a lot to do with what is going on in that grave of Italy's imperial ambitions.

## THE RETURN OF HAILE SELASSIE

Haile Selassie, Conquering Lion of Judah, has now raised his standard on his own soil. In this interview with RONALD MATTHEWS, which took place at Khartoum earlier in the campaign, the Emperor describes how he organised the Abyssinian revolt against the Italians.

"I am here," said the Emperor, "to lead the fight which has never ceased for Abyssinia's freedom and to help our Ally, Britain, in the larger fight to liberate all nations enslaved by Fascist tyranny."

Haile Selassie dresses now as a soldier. In khaki tunic and trousers and on his topee wears a badge which is a challenge to Italy—the figure of St. George.

For Abyssinia adopted St. George as patron saint after the Italians were routed at Adowa on St. George's Day, 40-odd years ago.

"All reports I have received from my country since I arrived

a few months Italy has been reduced to the status of a third-class Power and she now faces the grim penalty for treachery and perverted ambition. For Mussolini and Hitler, the writing is on the wall; their total elimination can only be a matter of time.

here," he said, "make it clear that my entire people are waiting with anxiety for the day when I shall once more be able to take my place among them."

"Every day I receive fresh evidence of it in the delegations which come here to see me and to receive my orders from all parts of Abyssinia."

"The fight against the Italian oppressors has never ceased, but it has blazed up more fiercely than ever since Italy entered the war, and I returned to the borders of my country."

"Even from Addis Ababa I have received indirectly news of support for me."

"Even there, under the nose of Italian guns which defend the barbed wire-ringed capital, people are hoping and planning for my return."

"My presence here has permitted me to co-ordinate to a great extent plans for warlike action by my people against the oppressor."

"Chiefs who have come to see me go back with instructions which they disseminate."

"To those who have not come in I have sent, at their request, my representatives who give them orders which permit them to get their military activities into a general scheme."

The Emperor made two points very plain:



Selassie—Welcomed Home

First, complete Abyssinian independence is for him the only possible end of the struggle against Italy.

Secondly, that he makes no distinction of creed or race among his people. To him they are all Southern Gallas, as well as any other Abyssinians.

That this second view is more realistic than some might suppose is suggested by the number of Galla chiefs who have requested him to appoint representatives in their areas.

Though the Emperor stands firm for Abyssinian independence, he hopes and expects help in his country's reconstruction after the war.

"It is my chief desire," he said, "not to retard by a moment the development of Abyssinia."

"So I hope that the great Allied nation which is contributing to the restoration of Abyssinia and her territorial integrity will collaborate also in her post-war peaceful development."

"It is in the economic and intellectual spheres that I look forward to this assistance."

Expressing his gratitude to Britain for the ever-growing aid he is receiving in the reconquest of his country, the Emperor concluded:

"My faith in the approaching liberation of Ethiopia is as absolute as it is in the victory of my great Ally."

"I know all the treacherous methods of warfare employed by the Italians, but all the same I look forward to taking my place among my people, sharing their destiny and enduring their hardships."

The Emperor's slender, delicate hands were crossed on his knees as he spoke. His velvety brown eyes, which can all so quickly with scorn or laughter, flashed with pride and determination.



# Secret Leaflets Allege Ciano Has a Funk Fund

A Whispering campaign throughout Italy is spreading allegations that Count Ciano, who has been sent from the Foreign Ministry to a battle zone has a "funk fund." Secretly printed leaflets say that, just before Mussolini declared war on June 10, Ciano sent a large private fortune abroad.

This recalls the discovery by H. R. Knickerbocker, American news-leader, that Reich-Marshal Goering, the Nazi Foreign Minister (Herr von Ribbentrop), the Propaganda Minister (Dr Goebbels), and four other leading Nazis had provided themselves with "funk funds" abroad, totalling £7,000,000.

Ciano is alleged to have sent the equivalent of \$1,250,000 to Swiss and Swedish banks, for transfer to South America.

The leaflets give chapter and verse for these transactions, and accuse Ciano of having brought Italy to disaster by signing the military alliance with Germany in 1939.

## Scandal

They contain accounts of the private lives of Count and Countess Ciano (Mussolini's daughter, Edda), which are calculated to shock the masses of Italians.

Ciano married Edda in 1934, when he was 31. Before the war, "Time," American news-magazine, published a story about her friendship with Italian Air Force officers.

This is the background of Ciano's transfer to the front, says the Sydney "Sunday Telegraph." Mussolini hopes, by sending him to the battlefield, that he will get rid of a political encumbrance and impress the people with the willingness of his family to face death.

At first Ciano was unwilling to go to Albania, but Mussolini insisted.

## Not Keen On It

Il Duce was backed up by Edda.

Some of the other Fascist leaders ordered to the front were inclined to disobey, but Mussolini was adamant. He declared that faith in the Fascist Party could be restored only by demonstrations that its leaders had courage on the battlefield.

Mussolini took the precaution of sending them to the front one by one, to prevent their making common cause, and sending him to the front.

It is unlikely that Ciano will do any fighting, as a war pilot he is recorded as a joke. He was commander of the "Desperata" Squadron in Abyssinia in 1935-36, but the Abyssinians lacked anti-aircraft guns and fighter-planes.

Ciano will go into action only if Mussolini decides to do to him what David did to Uriah, the Hitite.

Hitler is grasping command of Italy in all departments, because the exiled Fascist bosses will be succeeded by Nazis.

# Industrial Leader On The War

The world was passing through the second stage of a mass revolutionary movement, which had been born in the course of the last war and was likely to continue, with intermittent armistices, for several decades.

This point was made by one of the leading United States industrialists, Mr Charles E. Wilson, president of the General Electric Corporation, in a remarkable plea for a realistic appraisal of the present world conflict.

His speech is prominently featured in U.S. newspapers.

"It is a movement based on a sense of frustration, frequently approaching hysteria," said Mr Wilson. "The dictators have harnessed hundreds of millions that the capitalist system is the cause of economic ills."

"Revolutionary Hordes" There is abundant evidence that the dictators enjoy the support of the majority of those under 40.

"The minds of these newer generations have been conditioned almost entirely by dictators' propaganda, with the result that the death of dictators involves merely a temporary confusion until substitutes are found."

"Their revolutionary hordes are opposed by the heroic common people of Britain, who ardently aim, first to defend themselves, and then to obtain a larger economic freedom than they have hitherto enjoyed."

"The system of free enterprise has never faced such a serious challenge. Financial and managerial dictators must prove by their deeds that they understand their grave responsibilities and are prepared to bring the nation that economic freedom and security for all which the dictators pretend to offer."

"Aid Britain First" "First, we must whole-heartedly aid Britain without quibble or question, and, regardless of economic sacrifice, seek arm-in-arm co-operation."

"We cannot return to 'normal living,' even after the war."

"On the contrary, business must recognize its social obligations and take the initiative in accepting them."

Mr. Wilson went on to outline a comprehensive programme for increasing production and bettering the lot of the common man.

"If business is sufficiently realistic and self-disciplined," he declared, "free enterprise can accomplish what the totalitarianism merely promises."

# CONVOY PROTEST Vichy Says U.K. Abused Rights

BERNE, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—A protest has been addressed by the French Government to London following the convoy incident near the port of Nemours, Algeria, according to a Vichy telegram.

The protest, which was addressed through the United States Government, declares that for months past the visiting of French merchant ships by British naval units always ended in the capture of the vessels in question "even when they carried no cargo."

The view is expressed that the British Fleet exceeded the rights of inspection.

Delivered in Washington

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The Vichy Government's Note was delivered by the French Ambassador, M. Henry Haye, with the request that it be forwarded to London.

No Relaxation

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Discussions are now proceeding in Washington between British and American representatives on certain aspects of the British blockade policy, states "Reuter's" lobby correspondent.

The British Government have no intention of relaxing in any way their general policy on the blockade.

An interesting commentary on the Vichy Government's professed desire for foodstuffs "for starving France" is found in the recent seizure of two French ships which were brought into Gibraltar.

One contained nothing but bananas while the other, in addition to one million litres of rum, also carried 250 tons of pineapples.

In these days, such cargoes can be considered luxuries rather than necessities.

German Shortage

Regarding the general effects of the blockade, it is learned that the Germans are feeling a grave shortage of rubber, copper, nickel, alloys, wool and tanning materials. Germany is believed to be eating into her stocks of oil despite synthetic oil production and imports from Rumania and Russia.

By the end of the year, Germany is likely to be in serious difficulties about oil supplies if the heavy air attacks on her refineries and synthetic oil plants continue, if the Navy retains control of the Eastern Mediterranean and if the Nazis have to fight on land.

Rifle Shooting

H.K. "Bisley"

Meeting At

Kowloon City

The Bisley Rifle Meeting held at the Kowloon City ranges was well attended yesterday, but shooting was not of a high standard except in the Light Automatic match for the Norton Cup, presented by the former Acting Governor of Hong-kong, Lieut-General E. F. Norton.

This event attracted 34 teams, and there was also keen competition in the first two rounds of the Failing Plate match. Firing will be continued this morning.

Following were yesterday's results:

Light Automatic Match—1. No. 1 Section, 12. 2. Coy. 57. Rajputana Regt. 10. 3. Drums, 11. 4. Coy. 1st Middlesex Regt. 67. 5. No. 7 Section, 10. 6. Coy. Royal Scots, 4. No. 5 Section, 10. 7. Coy. Royal Scots, 62.

Snaphooting Competition (Open Prize List)—1. Sgt. Griffin, R.M., 21. 2. L/Cpl. Allen, R.M., 21. 3. L/Cpl. Singh, H.K.F., 21. 4. Sgt. Griffin, R.M., 21. 5. C. H. M. Nanku Singh, 57 Rajputana, 21. 6. C. H. M. Nanku Singh, 57 Rajputana, 19. 7. L/Nk Azim Khan, 57 Rajputana, 19. 8. L/Nk Azim Khan, 57 Rajputana, 19. 9. Sgt. Rishman, R.M., 18. 10. Sgt. Purani Singh, 18.

Special Prize List—1. L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex, 13. 2. L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex, 12. 3. L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex, 12. 4. L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex, 12. 5. L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex, 12. 6. L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex, 12. 7. L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex, 12. 8. L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex, 12. 9. L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex, 12. 10. L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Middlesex, 12.

Rapid Firing Competition (Open Prize List)—1. Sgt. Purani Singh, H.K.F., 21. 2. L/Cpl. Allen, R.M., 21. 3. L/Cpl. Singh, H.K.F., 21. 4. Sgt. Griffin, R.M., 21. 5. C. H. M. Nanku Singh, 57 Rajputana, 21. 6. C. H. M. Nanku Singh, 57 Rajputana, 19. 7. L/Nk Azim Khan, 57 Rajputana, 19. 8. L/Nk Azim Khan, 57 Rajputana, 19. 9. Sgt. Rishman, R.M., 18. 10. Sgt. Purani Singh, 18.

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# Mr Joaquim Baptista Passes

A father to son tradition of social and charitable service extending from shortly after the foundation of the Colony was broken by the death at 2 a.m. to-day of Mr Joaquim Baptista, of No. 5, St Joseph's Terrace, Robinson Road.

Mr Baptista was 70 years of age. He retired three years ago from his post as head of the local staff in the Jardine Matheson Hongkong & Canton Fire Insurance Office, with which company he had worked for over thirty years. He had been ill for two months.

The family has many relatives in this Colony, Shanghai and Macao. The deceased's father Marcelino came to Hongkong very early in life. He did the interior paintings of the old City Hall and it is interesting to note that a brother and a nephew of the same name have exhibited their artistic talents locally.

Mr Baptista kept up his family's name for charitable work. A fervent Catholic he devoted all his spare efforts to the Society of Apostleship and Prayer.

He was a single man. The funeral will pass the Monument to-day at 5.15. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

# EULOGY IN HOUSE OF LORDS

—Battle of Matapan

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—

Congratulations from the British Government have been sent to the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet on the recent brilliant victory over the Italian Fleet.

The Leader of the House, Lord



**Reserve this date!**



# NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



## JAPANESE ARMY TRADE FAILURE

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The "Economist" on March 29 stated that in Japanese-occupied China, the Japanese military have assumed complete economic control in the past 12 months. To-day they dominate not only the semi-official Japanese development companies and their 30-odd subsidiary companies, but also the manufactured industries and all lines of trade which originally had been reserved for private Japanese interests.

The result is the complete absence, in these areas not only of Chinese but also Japanese private economic initiative and investment. The parts of China best developed in former times have been in the power of the Japanese military over three years. Although Japan's economic domination of Occupied China is greater than ever, its yield to Japan is lower than ever. Japan sells less in China than before the start of the invasion and at the same time gets less Chinese supplies than before.

Except for monthly shipments of some 400,000 tons of coal, Chinese supplies are insignificant to Japan's economy. The official Japanese "development work" in China is but auxiliary war activity. The chances of profitable investment in Occupied

China for Japanese private capital have disappeared.

### Subsidiary Economy

Complete Japanese military control has made Occupied China's whole economy subsidiary to the various Japanese Army Commands in China Proper.

The control is serving the immediate purposes of assisting Japan's fighting forces in fighting the Chinese and of providing them with some pocket money apart from the war funds raised by the Tokyo Government.

Moreover, the control is being used to help in transforming Occupied China Proper into another Japanese Army reservation of the Manchurian and Korean types by excluding or subjugating all other Japanese and, of course, all western interest.



KEY MEN OF RUSSIA—What part Russia will play in eastern European affairs is a moot question nowadays. Here are her key men, recently photographed on the tribune of Lenin Mausoleum, Moscow. From left: Stalin; Vice Chairman Klementi Voroshilov and President Mikhail Kalinin.



"We're lucky—our mother gives us Castoria—the laxative made especially for us children."

## MISTAKES SOME MOTHERS MAKE THAT SHOULDN'T BE REPEATED!



Many mothers, with the best of loving intentions force on their children the same laxative they themselves use. They are not aware that forcing a child to take a medicine can upset his whole nervous system. And that harsh "adult" laxatives, even in small doses, can be much too irritating for a child's tender system. A child needs a special laxative—one he will take willingly and that's safe and mild.

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## Mr MATSUOKA'S MEETINGS Cordial Count & Dolorous Duce

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, who is now in Rome, had what is described as a "cordial conversation" with Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, at the Chigi Palace at 5 p.m. to-day.

After their conversation, Count Ciano accompanied Mr. Matsuoka to the Palazzo Venezia, where Mr. Matsuoka saw Signor Mussolini.

**Evening Interview**  
ROME, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Mr. Matsuoka had an interview with Mussolini to-night. They talked for about an hour in the presence of Count Ciano and the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Horikiri.

**Treat For Crowds**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ROME, Apr. 1 (UP).—Mussolini and Matsuoka appeared three times on the balcony at Venice Palace to-night and were wildly cheered by 50,000 persons in Venice Square. Mussolini was in the uniform of an Honour Corporal and saluted the crowds. Mr. Matsuoka wore a morning suit and a silk hat.

## Clydeside Casualties

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Some 1,100 people were killed in German air raids of March 13 and 14 in the Clydeside area and 1,000 were seriously injured, stated the Home Secretary (Mr. Herbert Morrison) answering questions in the House of Commons to-day.

## Gift To Roosevelt

CHUNGKING, Apr. 1 (Central News).—President Roosevelt has acknowledged through Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to China, acceptance with thanks of the Chinese painting of 100 doves by Professor Chang Shu-chi of the National Central University, which was presented to him in celebration of his inauguration for a Third Term.

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# BLOCKADE GAP

## Vichy's Secret Barter Treaty

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Very revealing figures regarding Axis acquisitions of imports into unoccupied France were quoted by Mr Hugh Dalton, Minister for Economic Warfare, in replying to a series of questions in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr Dalton declared that figures purporting to be official showed that during the two months of December and January together, about 450 vessels with cargoes of half a million tons had entered Marseilles and about 400 ships with cargoes of 130,000 tons had left Marseilles.

Mr Dalton continued "a large number of reports from various sources leave no doubt that the Germans take their pick of all the incoming cargoes, while the Italians are permitted a smaller choice. Nearly all these reports indicate that more than half such imports are taken by the Axis."

# Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	450
T.T. Singapore	62 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	105
T.T. France	103
T.T. Switzerland	1/0 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	—
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

# H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,345 b.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	75 n.
Chartered	77 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.E.	83 1/2 n.
Mercantile C. & E.	10 1/2 n.
East Asia	70 1/2 b.
INSURANCES	
Cantons	225 b.
Union	430 b.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	187 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglas	135 n.
Steamboats	8 n.
Indo-China P.	80 b.
Indo-China D.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	41/10 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	87 1/2 b.
Docks (old)	15.50 n.
Provident	5.35 b.
Shai Dockyards	28 n.
MINING	
Kallan s/-	16/- n.
Raub	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels s.x.d.	3 b.
Lands	32 1/2 b.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/2 n.
Shai Lands Sh. s.	12.10 n.
Humphreys	6.70 b.
H.K. Realties	3.30 n.
Chinese Estates s.x.d.	98 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams	10 1/2 b.
Peak Trams (old)	7 1/2 b.
Peak Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	54 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries	23 1/2 b.
China Lights (old)	6.20 b.
China Lights (new)	1 1/4 n.
H.K. Electric (old) x. rts.	26.10 b.
H.K. Electric (new)	25 1/2 b.
H.K. Electric Rts	15.20 b.
Macao Electric (old)	18 1/2 b.
Macao Electric (new)	17 1/2 b.
Sandakan Lights	12 n.
Telephones (old)	23.30 b.
Telephones (new)	9.15 b.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) Sh.	30 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) Sh.	25 n.
Canton Ices	1 n.
Cements	18 s.
H.K. Ropes	7.45 b.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms s.x.d.	17.10 b.
Watsons s.x.d.	9 1/4 b.
Lane Crawford	7 1/2 n.
Sincere	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	39 n.
Powell Ltd.	1.00 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh	45 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	200 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934)	94 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940)	94 n.
Ch Govt 5% 1925 GSDs.	42 n.
H.K. Entertainments s.x.d.	0.30 b.
Constructions (old)	1.00 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	7.20 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	0/3 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/0 n.



LOOKS ALOFT—Well protected against the bitterly cold weather, Prime Minister Winston Churchill watches a demonstration of British anti-aircraft gunners at an unnamed place in England.

# Japanese Inner Cabinet

In order to dispose promptly of various administrative affairs, Prince Konoye, plans to establish a six-Minister Conference within the Cabinet consisting of the Premier, the Home, War, Navy, Foreign and Planning Ministers which will be charged with the formulation of the highest national policies.

The Planning Board machinery will also be strengthened, so as to make it practically the principal organ administering wartime economy, while a "Supreme Economic Council" will be attached to the Planning Board with a view to effectuating the co-operation between the official and the civilian in the administration of finance and economy.

## Minister Without Portfolio

Mr Matsune Ogura, Member of the House of Peers and Director-General of the Sumitomo Corporation, who has been informally chosen as the Minister without Portfolio, will chiefly take charge of the wartime economy, particularly coal and iron.

Selection of Mr Ogura, assumed the proportions of a major political development as it is revealed that the Minister-designate will become the virtual dictator of Japan's economic life.

# Bomber Fund Acknowledgments

A total of \$1,750,131.37 and 69.10c. was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. P. with the following donations:

Kowloon Post Office \$ 7.25  
Electricity Canton \$ 40  
S. and C. Box-Ten Cents \$ 11  
Fung (donation) \$ 11  
Mah Jong at Q.M.I. per G.I. \$ 00  
International Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. (25% proceeds of "Tebecca" premiere) \$ 120.01  
St. Patrick's Society of Hongkong (additional donation in lieu of St. Patrick's Day celebration) \$ 140  
S. D. G. Naval Yard \$ 10  
Mrs. A. Lee (sixth donation) \$ 10  
Ex-Bryant (seventh donation) \$ 200  
The following monthly donations were also received yesterday:

Anonymous \$ 100  
Mr B. Lipkowsky \$ 2  
Mrs L. N. Windfield \$ 10  
Mr and Mrs A. P. Pereira \$ 5

## CHILD PROTECTION

The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, announce the following donations collected during March:

Hongkong European Y.M.C.A. (half of net proceeds of Swimming Exhibition held by the Japanese Tokyo College Students on 23-31-41) \$41.07  
L. D. S. \$25 Rev. J. L. Wilson \$5 Police Magistrate, Kowloon (contribution for Leung Man) \$4  
In memory donations (already acknowledged) \$20  
Donations already acknowledged through the South China Morning Post, \$377. Total, \$672.07.

Further donations will be gladly accepted by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. McKelvey, C.A., c/o Mackenzie Mackenzie & Co., P. & O. Building.

## CHINESE SEAMEN

The Christian Mission to Chinese Seamen in Hongkong acknowledges the following donations:

Hon. Mr J. J. Paterson, \$25; Messrs Jebben & Co., \$20; Mr Eldon Potter, \$10;

# WEATHER IN MARCH

## Variable Temperature

Four thunderstorms occurred during March, and there was fog on the 7th-8th and 23rd-24th.

The mean temperature for the month was 64.2°F., which is 1.1° above normal. A maximum of 82.8° was recorded on the 23rd, and a minimum of 53.0° on the 30th. The mean relative humidity was 85 per cent, against a normal of 83 per cent. Sunshine amounted to 57 hours, which is 27 hours less than normal. Rainfall exceeded the normal for the third month in succession, the total for March being 7.62 inches, against a normal of 2.90 inches. The total rainfall since January 1 is now 16.07 inches, which is nearly three times the normal total for the first three months of the year.

The maximum wind velocity in a gust was 51 m.p.h. at 3 a.m. on the 11th during a heavy rain-squall.

Messrs George Grimble & Co., \$10; Messrs East Asiatic Co., Ltd., \$10; The British Wireless Marine Service, \$10; Lever of God, \$10; A Brother in Christ, \$5; Mr Robert A. Morrison, \$5; G. H. P., \$5; H. C. Macdonald, \$5; Mr Chau Man-chi, \$5; Messrs Yee Sang Fat Co., Ltd., \$5; Shanghai Commercial & Savings Bank, Ltd., \$5; Mr John Moodie, \$5; Two Friends \$1 each, \$2.  
Good Samaritan Fund.—Mr W. J. Knight, \$10.  
All communications and contributions may be sent to the Headquarters, 54, Jordan Road, 1st floor, Yau-mall, Kowloon. All cheques and money orders should be crossed and made payable to the Christian Mission to Chinese Seamen, Hongkong. Please state whether for General, Good Samaritan, or Building Funds.

# Montague Norman

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Apr. 1 (UP).—For the 22nd consecutive year, Mr Montague Norman has been elected Governor of the Bank of England. Mr B. C. Cattermole has been elected Deputy Governor for the sixth consecutive term.

## Effective Bombing

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The Swedish newspaper "Hudikuvalls Nyheter" on March 22 published letters from France, one of which declared that British attacks on French harbours had blown these harbours to bits.

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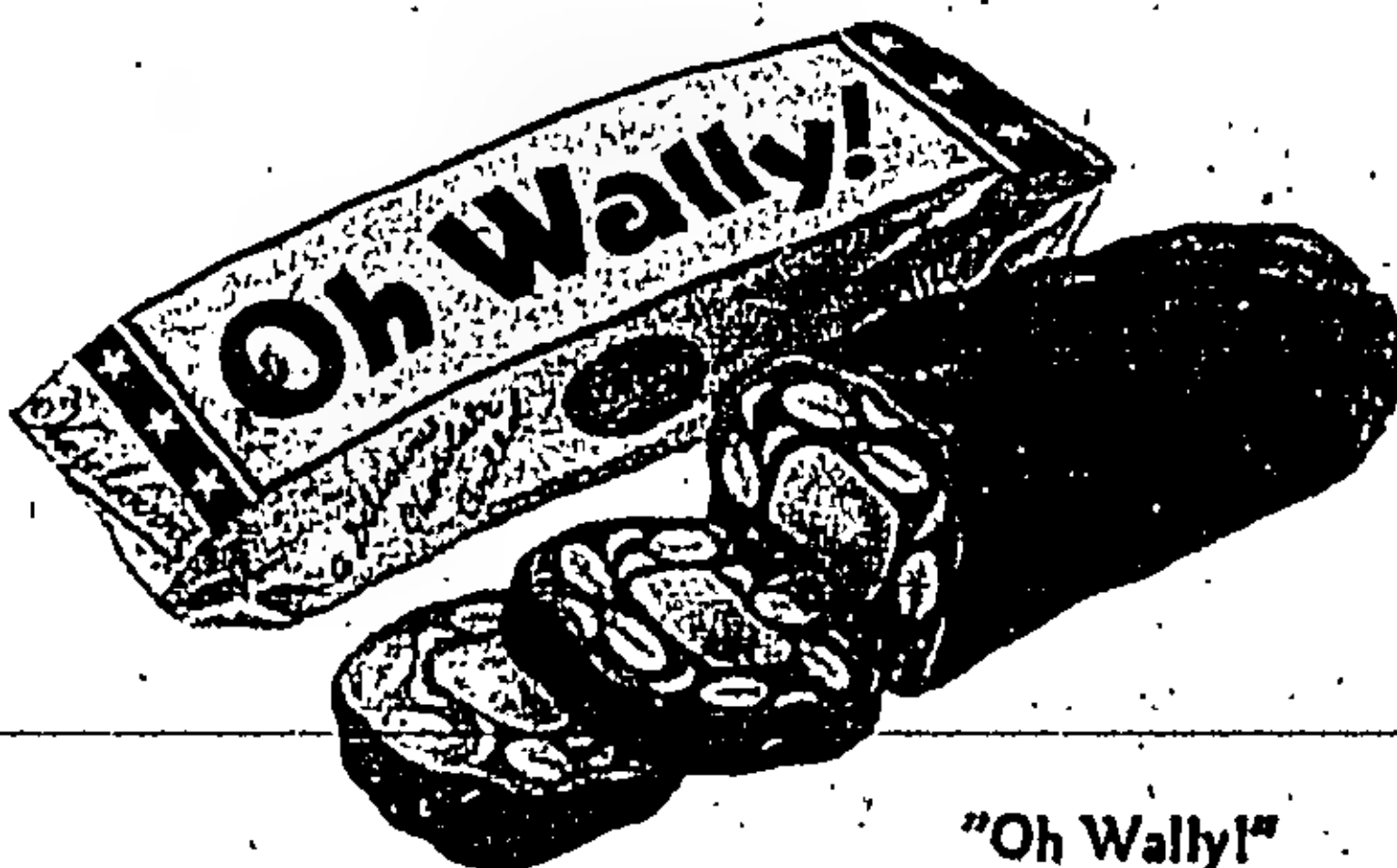
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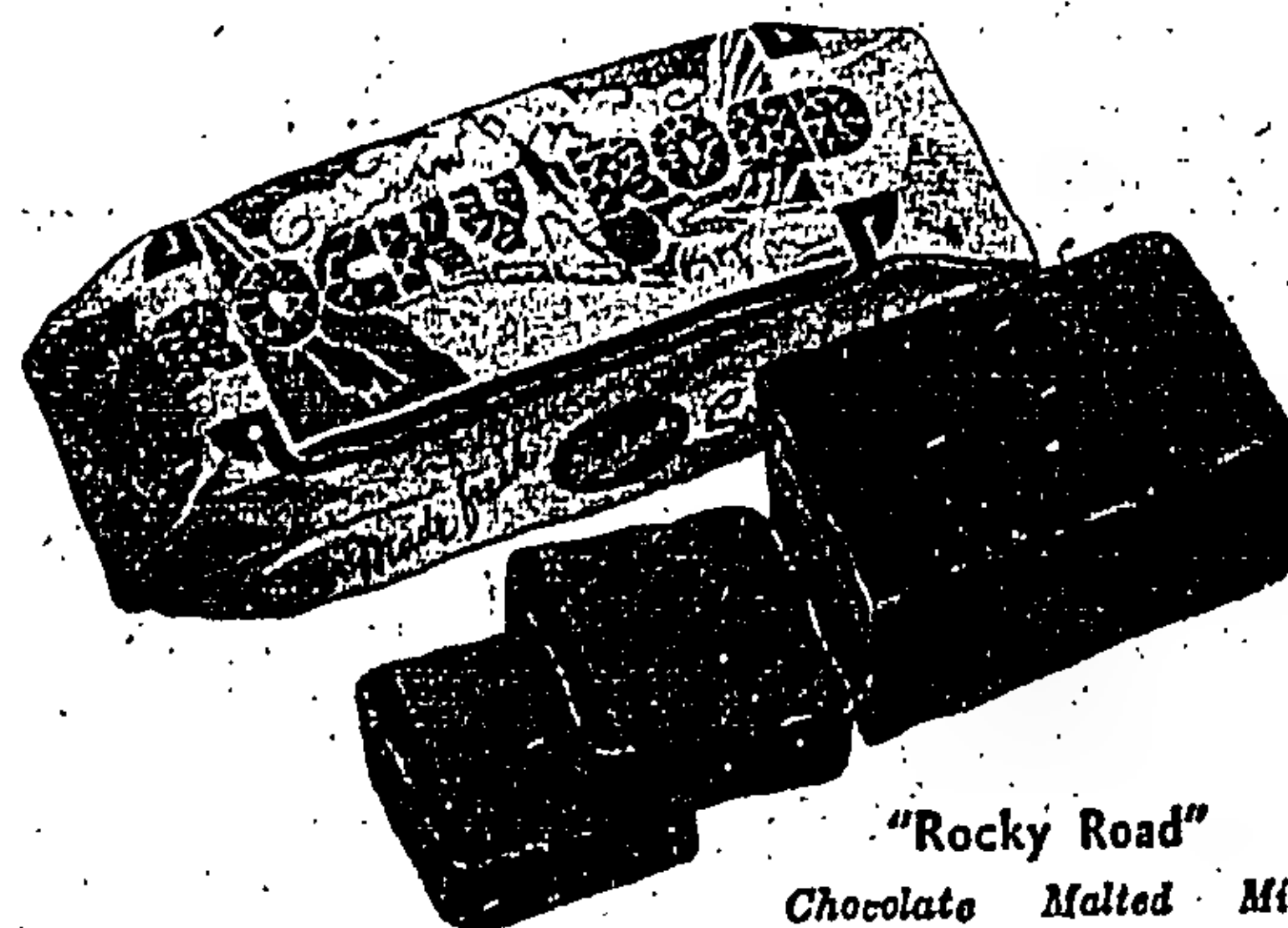


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## BALKANS MOVING TOWARDS WAR

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salon for damage to German property after the coup d'etat, full public ratification of the Tripartite Pact and demobilisation in Yugoslavia.

**Nazis "Horrid"**  
LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—German many beat her big propaganda drum with a louder and more menacing note to-day, continuing the war of nerves against Yugoslavia.

"The general anti-German tendencies in Yugoslavia have become steadily worse," says a German news agency quoting a semi-official allegation.

"Developments in Yugoslavia are determined by uncontrollable agitators and opponents who set fire to villages, beat women, murder people and drive out the Germans," the statement adds.

**Simovitch Replies**  
VICHY, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—According to a Budapest report, General Simovitch, the Yugo-Slav Prime Minister, has sent a reply to Germany which reached Berlin to-day on "all questions interesting Germany."

## Asmara Captured By British Forces

FROM PAGE ONE

drive against Massawa, Italy's last port on the Red Sea.

The speed of the advance takes additional credit from the fact that the fighting before Keren was of the most exhausting kind, leading to a climax of a fortnight's sustained attacks under the most difficult physical conditions of climate and terrain.

In their progress since Thursday, the British forces have had no easy task, being faced by a steep climb mainly through a defile.

With the fall of Asmara, the problem confronting the Duke of Aosta respecting the safety of Italians, including women and children, daily becomes more difficult.

The possession of the Eritrean capital is not only a direct threat to Massawa, 70 miles away, but also promises finally to sever all communications between Abyssinia and Massawa, leaving the road to Asseb the sole remaining link between Abyssinia and the Red Sea.

Asmara has 100,000 inhabitants, half of whom are Italians. It is 7,000 feet above sea level on a plateau.

## Italians Lose 1,000 Aircraft

FROM PAGE ONE

only a few weeks ago helping our army in their Libyan victory.

The R.A.F. could look back on these achievements with satisfaction, but it is what lies ahead that matters in war. The ships have many storms to weather yet," Marshal Longmore concluded, wishing good luck to the R.A.F. in the Middle East and at home.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: A firm market with buyers advancing their bids cautiously, resulted in a moderate turnover at slightly better prices.

**Buyers**  
H.K. Banks \$1,340  
Bank of East Asia \$70  
Canton Ins. \$222.50  
Union Ins. \$430  
H.K. Fire Ins. \$185  
Indo-China (Pref) \$80  
Docks "O" X.D. \$16.70  
Providents \$5.32½  
Lands \$32.50  
Humphreys \$6.70  
Realties \$3.05  
Trams \$18.40  
Yuenfai Ferries \$23.75  
Lights "O" \$6.25  
Electricity "O" X. Rts \$26  
Electricity "N" \$25.25  
Electricity Rts \$15.10  
Macao Electricity "O" \$18.25  
Macao Electricity "N" \$17.50  
Telephones "O" \$23.25  
Telephones "N" \$9.10  
Cements \$17.75  
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Providents \$5.35  
**Sales**  
Docks "O" X.D. \$15.75  
Providents \$5.35½/35  
Electricity "O" X. Rts \$26.15  
Cements \$17.80  
Watsons X.D. \$0.70

## Italian Troops Wiped Out

ATHENS, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Two companies of Italian troops were wiped out in a local operation carried out by the Greeks in Albania on Monday, states the Athens radio quoting the Greek Press Ministry bulletin.

## Aid For Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (UP).—President Roosevelt returned to the White House to-day and immediately started allocating American supplies among the American forces, Britain and other democracies from data furnished by Mr. Harry Hopkins.

## School Of Accountancy & Commerce

Results just received by the Registrar, International Institute of Accountants, Incorporated, show that many local candidates were awarded Honours in the Intermediate and Final examinations held in December, 1940. It is noteworthy that all the candidates so awarded, except one, had received their training at the School of Accountancy & Commerce, Kowloon. The following is the list of S.A.C. passers:

**Intermediate Bookkeeping I**—Norman Broadbridge (Honours); S. E. Bux; L. T. H. Phelps; Cheung Sik-kee; Yu Foo-lun;  
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**Final Bookkeeping I**—W. S. Anderson (Honours);  
**Final Bookkeeping II**—L. M. da Silva (Honour); Lim Lee-seng;  
**Final Auditing**—Chan Pui-kai;  
**Final Law I**—W. S. Anderson (Honours);

**Final Law III**—L. M. da Silva (Honours); Chan Pui-kai (Honours); Lim Lee-seng; W. S. Anderson.

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**Advanced Typewriting**—Lok King-wah; Wong Char-fat.

**Elementary Typewriting**—Alice Lo; Wong Yue-lam; Chan Bak-foo.  
**Elementary English**—Alice Lo; Ivy Sing; Low Wei-ming; Paul Cheng; Yuen Wing-kin.

## WAR STATEMENT

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill announced in the House of Commons to-day that he proposed to make a war statement before Easter.

## Eight Nazi, Italian Ships Set on Fire

FROM PAGE ONE

and Italy have demanded the release of the seized ships and crews.

**26 Ships Damaged**  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (UP).—A recapitulation made by the Treasury Department reveals that 25 of the 28 Italian ships and one of the two German ships which were seized were previously damaged.

**French Fleet's Future**  
NEW YORK, Apr. 1 (UP).—The "World Telegram" to-day reported that the French Line has consulted the Treasury Department and the State Department regarding a plan to place the French merchant fleet, except the Normandie, in service between Indo China and New York.

It is reported that they pointed out that large quantities of rubber and other essential defence materials are awaiting shipment and they are willing to place an American super-cargo aboard each ship to guarantee that she reaches the port for which she sails.

**Two Burnt Out**  
SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The German steamer, Eisenach, 4,177 tons, and the Italian vessel, Felin, 6,042 tons, were completely destroyed by fire at Punta Arenas.

The crews have been arrested and put in goal here awaiting trial.

**Peruvian Destroyers Chase**  
LIMA, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The Peruvian destroyers, Almirante Guise and Almirante Villar, have been dispatched by the naval authorities at Callao to chase the two German ships that weighed anchor last night and made for the high seas.

It is thought that they will be intercepted by the Canadian warship Prince Henry, which visited Callao last week.

Both the German ships, over 5,000 tons each, were set on fire by the crews an hour later. The crews were interned.

## Mexico Follows Suit

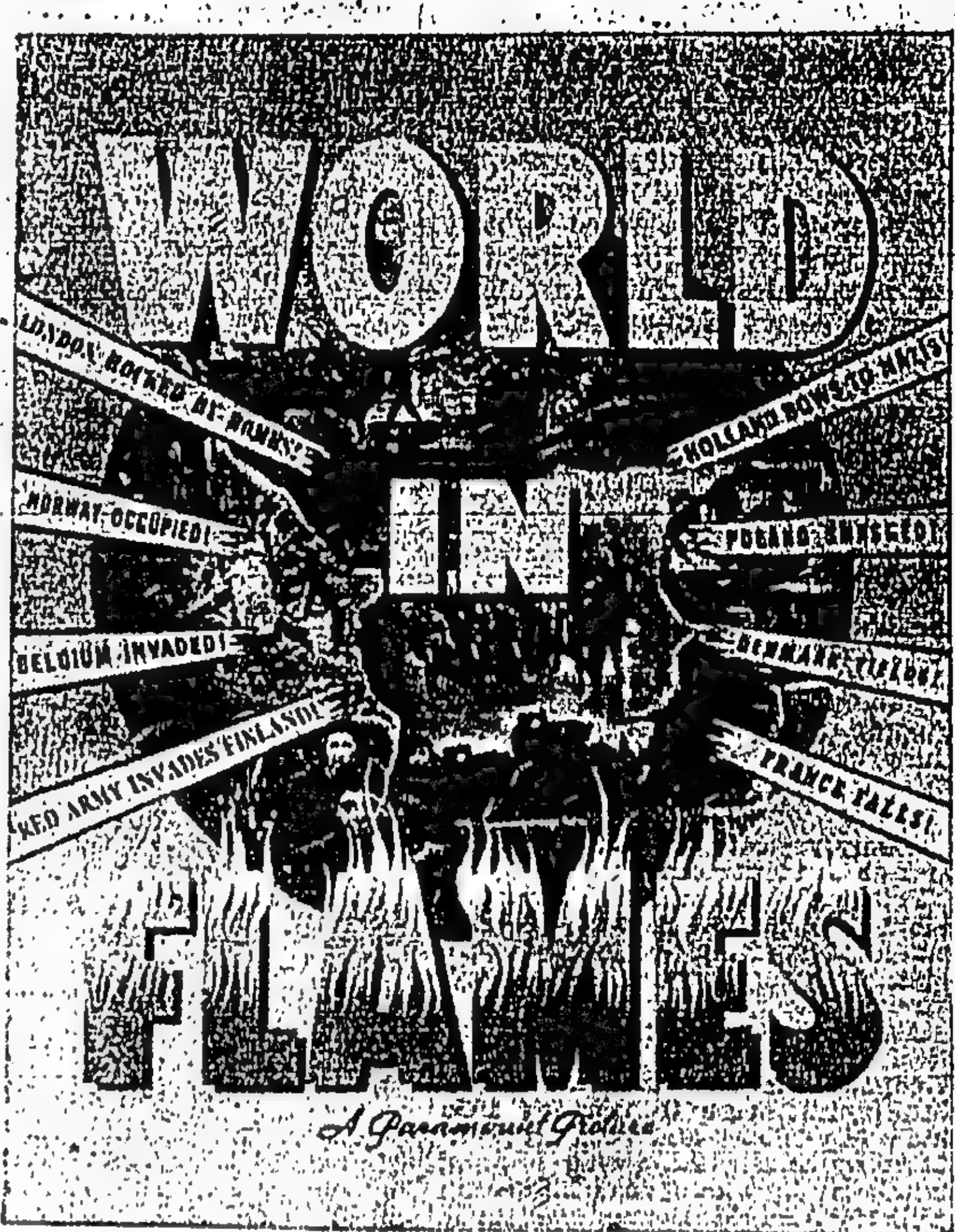
MEXICO CITY, Apr. 1 (UP).—The Mexican Government to-day ordered the navy to place in protective custody, 12 Italian ships with gross tonnage of 73,890 tons, and aboard which there are 300 men. Two have already been seized at Vera Cruz, while a gunboat is enroute to Tampico to take over the others.

From Monday April 7, at 8.30 p.m. Y.M.C.A. Whist Drives will be replaced by Bridge drives open to members, their friends and ladies, costing with refreshments, 60 cents each.

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A joint economic conference is to be held between Japanese business leaders and the visiting Afghanistan Mission, in Tokyo on April 12 and in Osaka on April 25.

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6.22 Tolstoy—The Sleeping Princess.

Introduction—The Fairy Carabosse—The Little Fairy—The Six Fairies—The Rose Adagio—Puss in Boots—The Diamond and Silver Fairies—Mazurka and Apothecary—Sadler's Wells Orchestra—conducted by Constant Lambert.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—From the Old Country.

Talk by Robert Donal.

7.30 Eileen Joyce (Piano) and Joseph Szigeti (Violin).

Impromptu Op. 90, No. 4 (Schubert), Eileen Joyce (Piano); Capriccio No. 24 (Variations in A Minor) (Paganini), Joseph Szigeti (Violin).

With piano acc.; Romance (Brahms); Au Bord D'Une Source (Liszt); Eileen Joyce (Piano); Menuet (Debussy—Duchin); Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with piano acc.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.15 Walter Glynn (Tenor) and the New Zealand Novelty Orchestra.

8.30 Studio—Makers of Medicine No. 5: A Woman Healer Who Never Failed—St. Hildegard.

Talk by Father G. Byrne.

8.50 The Kentucky Minstrels.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Musical Comedy Selections.

"Follow the Sun" Selection.—Jack Jackson's Dorchester Hotel Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; "Conversation Piece" (Noel Coward); "Nevermore, I'll Follow My Secret Heart"; Gloria Grafton (Soprano) with Orchestra; "Stop Press" Selection.—New Mayday Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; "Glamorous Night" (Novello); "Fold Your Wings"; Mary Ellis and Trevor Jones with Orchestra; "Shine Through My Dreams"; Trevor Jones (Tenor) with Orchestra.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 Studio—The First of a series of talks on Drama, Yesterday and To-day by Evelyn Wood. Illustrated by scenes from Classical and Modern Plays.

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FRIDAY APR. 4  
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8 p.m. P. A. Yvanovich v. T. S. Young (Junior Singles).

8.30 p.m. C. Y. Yung and S. Koh v. P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew (Senior Doubles).

9 p.m. A. L. Fisher v. J. L. Anderson (Junior Singles).

TUESDAY, APR. 8  
At K.C.C.

7.45 p.m. S. Mun v. P. A. Yvanovich or T. S. Young (Junior Singles).

8.15 p.m. C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v. P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Junior Doubles).

8.45 p.m. M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho v. K. M. Choy and K. B. Low (Senior Doubles).

9.30 p.m. H. C. Eardley and N. Smith v. P. Wong and C. Au (Senior Doubles).

WEDNESDAY, APR. 9  
At Recoelo

8 p.m. Chung Wah v. K.C.C. or St. John's ("B" Division Championship).

THURSDAY, APR. 10  
At Jewish R.C.

Women's first round doubles matches.

7.30 p.m. Miss M. M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier v. Miss J. Chao and Miss M. Chum.

8.00 p.m. Miss M. Ribiero and Mrs. O. M. Silva v. Miss U. Khoo and Mrs. Wilson.

8.30 p.m. Miss G. White and Miss F. Wong v. Mrs. N. Castro and Miss T. Goncalves.

9.00 p.m. Mrs. Torrible and Mrs. Zimmern v. Miss Noronha and Miss Pereira.

The above matches will bring all competitors to the semi-final stages, with the exception of one match in the Mixed Doubles.

Semi-final fixtures will be announced later, and these will probably be played at either the Club de Recoelo or the Kowloon C.C.

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## Prize Court Decisions On Four H.K. Cases

Four applications for the condemnation of cargo consigned to the enemy and seized in Hongkong, were heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, sitting in the Prize Court this morning. They were brought by Mr. T. J. Gould, representing the Crown.

The first application brought was in respect of part of the cargo of the steamer City of Lille.

Mr. Gould said that the Crown was asking for condemnation of a cargo of 23 barrels of gum rosin seized from a British ship while passing through the Colony, and he was relying on the affidavit of the ship's papers which showed that the consignees were DeLong Walba and Co., of Tientsin, which was one of the black-listed firms.

No claim had been made in respect of the cargo, although the seizure had been made over a year. Mr. Gould also asked the Court for an order for its appraisal and sale.

The Lordship accordingly made a declaration that the goods were the dropt of Admiralty and were to be condemned as such, and made a further order for its appraisal and sale.

**Copra For Germany**

The second application was in respect of a cargo of copra taken in Hongkong.

Mr. Gould said that the copra was seized in Hongkong in 1939 and had been sent from Rabaul in New Guinea for transshipment to Germany.

The facts were as set out in the affidavit of Mr. D. S. Robb, of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, liquidators of Messrs. Melchers and Co., agents of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, who had brought the goods forward from Rabaul. Mr. Robb, on behalf of the liquidators, addressed an enquiry to New Guinea and found that the copra had been sold by a Catholic mission in New Guinea to a German firm on f.o.b. basis.

The goods had been sold, he added, and he asked the Court for a decree of condemnation of the proceeds of sale as the dropt of Admiralty.

The application was granted.

**Rolls of Paper**

Mr. Gould said the third application concerned 140 rolls of paper seized in Hongkong and discharged here from a British ship, the Helmspy.

The claim of the Crown was that at the time of the seizure, the goods were the property of W. A. Fritz & Co., a German firm of Bremen.

The facts appeared on a letter from the Norddeutscher-Indische Handelsbank, and the shipping documents were forwarded to the Bank by letter on August 21, 1939, by the Rotterdam Bank of R. Mees and Zonen, who gave instructions to the Nederlandsche-Indische Handelsbank to hold the documents until further instructions.

On September 23, 1939, three weeks after the outbreak of the War, instructions were received by telegram from Amsterdam that the documents be handed over to the Holland-China Handels-Compagnie, but the Nederlandsche-Indische Han-

delbank did not do this as they had no information as to whether the property had been paid for, and any payment made after the outbreak of War would have constituted trading with the enemy.

No evidence had yet been forthcoming as to payment, and the Crown asked for the proceeds of sale to be condemned.

The order was granted.

**Oil Seed**

The last application was in respect of part cargo from the steamer Bhutan.

Mr. Gould said that one of three items originally included in the writ had been released. This was in respect of two cases of shoe-cyclets.

The present application was only concerned with a cargo of oil-seed and synthetic products consigned to Hongkong on the Bhutan and seized on arrival in port.

The facts concerning them appeared on the affidavit of Mr. D. S. Robb, of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, liquidators of Messrs. Melchers and Co. The goods were shipped by Melchers and Co., of Bremen, to Melchers and Co., of Hongkong.

There were no other shipping documents, and the claim of the Crown was that as the goods were the property of the enemy, condemnation of the proceeds of sale as the dropt of Admiralty be ordered.

The application was granted.

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## The Hongkong Telegraph

Wednesday, April 2, 1941.  
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### GLORIOUS VICTORY

WHEN a naval spokesman in England on Sunday declared that the victory accomplished by British naval and air units in the Ionian Sea was the greatest news since the start of the war, he was expressing the thoughts of the whole British Empire and the rest of the Democratic world. The action, in the course of which at least seven Italian warships were sunk without a single loss to ourselves, has been described as the Jutland of the Mediterranean, and the greatest battle since Trafalgar; be that as it may, the real importance of the engagement is that once again the claim that the British navy is the finest fighting force in the world has been substantiated.

Skilful strategy, first-class marksmanship and perfect co-ordination between naval craft and aerial units made possible the British victory. When the full history of the action comes to be written, it will stir the hearts of the entire world. Already enough has been told to permit an appreciation of the glorious work accomplished both by the navy and the fleet air arm; the Orion's clever manoeuvring which completely fooled the Italian fleet, enabling the British capital ships to batter into a state of helplessness five cruisers and two destroyers; the swift and deadly assault by the diving British planes with their aerial torpedoes, which found their marks so surely that the Italian vessels were too crippled to make their escape; and the Consolidating work of the British destroyers who finished off the Italians with their accurately aimed torpedoes. Each and every ship and plane made a notable and decisive contribution to the victory; the whole anti-Axis world will echo Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham's "Well Done."

The defeat has filled Mussolini's cup of bitterness to overflowing. He has lost an Empire, and his much vaunted fleet has been rendered ineffective; within

A SECRET British military mission, it has been revealed, is operating deep in the heart of Abyssinia. Great secrecy surrounds the identity of the British officers who are leading it. In this article PHILIP JORDAN makes a discreet guess—and tells you about it.

## ARE THESE THE MEN?

IF you turn your back on the Cairo Opera House and go towards the Nile down the street that everybody still calls Maghrabi, even though its name is now changed, you will find a little restaurant some hundred yards down on the left. It is called Au Petit Coin de France.

Most of its customers sit in the shaded courtyard that lies between the street and the restaurant itself; and here, twice a day, they try to imagine that they are not in Egypt at all, but back in France. Even when the khamsin is blowing off the desert and the temperature is 115 deg. and there is so much sand in the air that you can hardly see the women having their hair permanently waved in the window of the Greek coiffeur opposite, men will still attempt to recapture the forgotten pleasures of Europe by eating cassoulet toulousaine and washing it down with huge draughts of iced wine.

On Fridays, they serve bouillabaisse, the saffron-spiced fish soup that comes from Marseilles.

If you had gone into this restaurant on a Friday evening almost any time up to August last you would probably have seen two men dining together, both officers of the British Army. One, almost certainly, would have been eating bouillabaisse, the other spaghetti with a thick meat sauce. Almost certainly one or other of these two men is thin man, like the Dormouse in not now drag from War Office

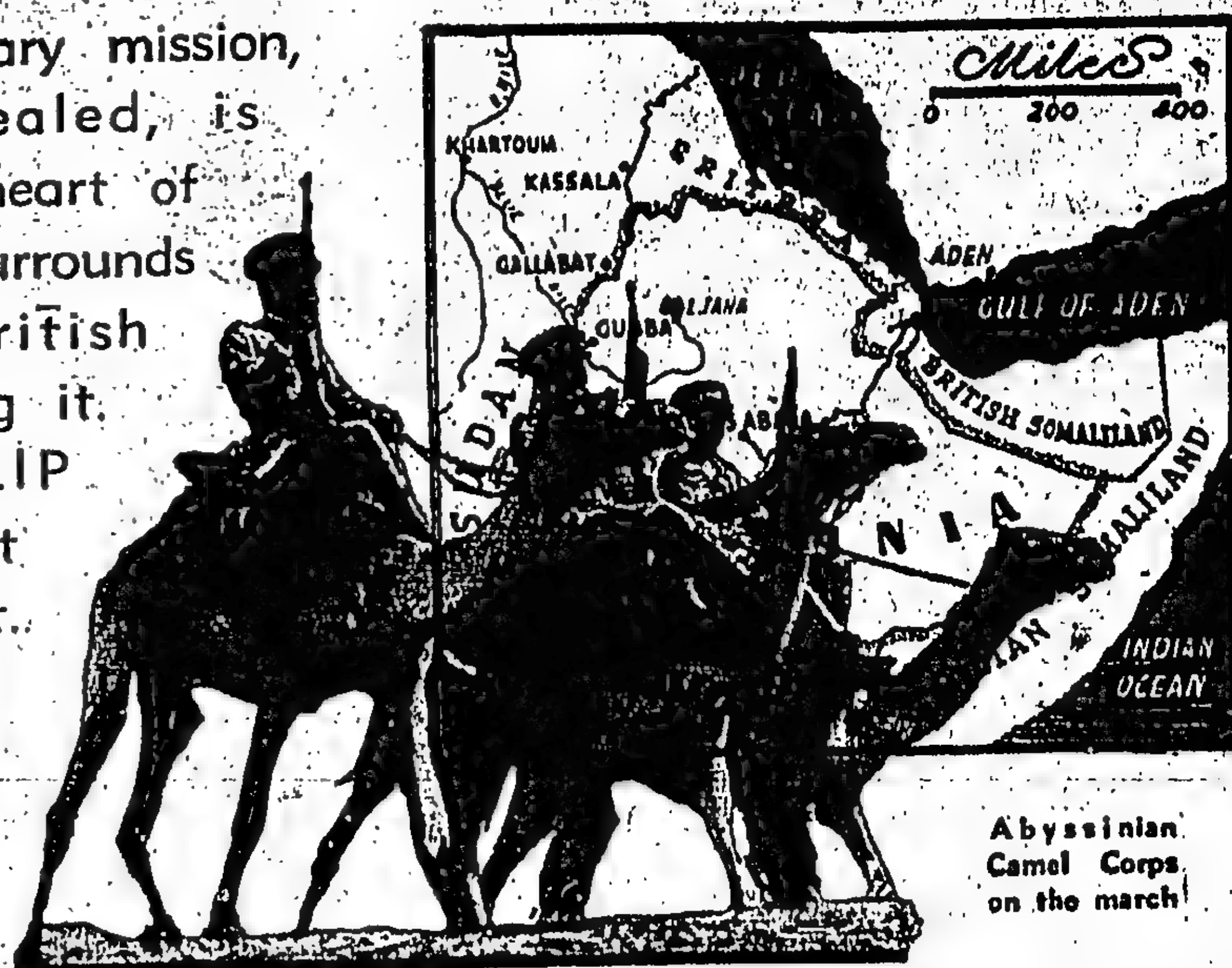
spokesmen. You have read about him. Romantic journalists, with a turn for a phrase, have called him the "Lawrence of Abyssinia." He is the man who now moves quietly among the black granite gorges of Abyssinia, training the patriots to attack Mussolini's flagging army, holding them back from rash enterprises, marshalling them into battle order, and sending reports on their prowess and efficiency back to G.H.Q. in Cairo.

HAD you noticed these two men you would have passed them by without a thought. One, the shorter of the two, you might have imagined a fairly successful stockbroker with a turn for farming. The other, tall and thin, might have been one of those eternally unsuccessful scholars who haunt the public libraries in time of peace; the sort of man on whose waistcoat you would not ever be surprised to find spilled snuff.

Yet, the first has never seen the inside of a stock exchange in his life, the second—because he has no mean library of his own—has probably never visited one that is open to the public.

If you did more than notice them, if you overheard their conversation or, as I frequently did, dined with them in the inner room of the restaurant, you would have been content to sit quiet and listen to their words.

Both spoke of Abyssinia and of its coming liberation. They talked of nothing else; but if, by chance, the conversation should leave that subject, the tall man, like the Dormouse in Alice in Wonderland, would drop



Abyssinian  
Camel Corps  
on the march

asleep. Or seem to. But I almost always felt that even if he were snoring or under an anaesthetic, I would have only to murmur the word "Ethiopia," for him to do battle on its behalf. They lived, breathed, ate Abyssinia. They loved it. At those dinners they told me tales about it, about its poets, its warriors and its customs. They insisted that Italian propaganda had been so strong during the Abyssinian war, when Haile Selassie had no voice of comparable strength, that the world, and even Ethiopia's friends, had been misled about its people. They begged me to do what I would to right the wrongs that Italian propaganda had done; they were impatient, as you or I might be impatient if someone whom we loved were wrongfully imprisoned.

ONLY one thing distracted their attention. Not the bouillabaisse or the iced wine, but the nightly arrival of the Arab conjuror, whose only admirers they seemed to be. In his own language they would joke with him, make him admit he was a humbug; and send him away feeling pleased with himself.

They understood such men, and felt happy in their company, which is why they understood the Abyssinian case; and why, also, now hidden in the mountains of which they spoke so well, they will be the best delegates that we can find for such a job.

In those early days of war they never dressed in uniform. But even when General Wavell forbade his of-

ficers any longer to appear in public in plain clothes, there didn't seem to be much difference in their appearances. They were not like the ordinary Army officer, ready merely to do what they were told; they were men with visions of their own; and concerned only with how best those visions might come true.

Many a time I have seen "the Dormouse" driving through the hot streets of Cairo in a gharry as though he were fast asleep. But he missed nothing. He might sometimes forget your question before he had time to answer it; but never, no matter how severe the dose of fever he had upon him, to answer your questions about Abyssinia.

I wish I could remember half the things he told me. But if I have forgotten them, I have remembered the glee with which he used to recite the latest discomfiture of some wretched Italian convoy ambushed on a mountain road.

"What do you think those fellows have done now?" That's what he said suddenly in my ear one morning when I was busy reading Reuter's tape in the hotel lounge. And I would have been a dunce had I not immediately known who "those fellows" were. The Abyssinians, of course.

"They've captured an Italian A.A. gun and turned it point-blank on a convoy. Blown 'em to smithereens."

"What next?" was all that I could say. "You wait!"

WELL, he has waited longer than most of us. Waited with a supreme and unswerving faith for the justice that is now being done; and happy, at last, that he is contributing to that justice.

Because all the wild horses will not drag a confirmation from the War Office that this so-called "Lawrence" is one of these two men, I cannot be sure that I am right. But, well, yes, I think I am safe in saying so: I'll be prepared to eat my hat if they have not, at this minute, a lot to do with what is going on in that grave of Italy's imperial ambitions.

## THE RETURN OF HAILE SELASSIE

Haile Selassie, Conquering Lion of Judah, has now raised his standard on his own soil. In this interview with RONALD MATTHEWS, which took place at Khartoum earlier in the campaign, the Emperor describes how he organised the Abyssinian revolt against the Italians.

"I am here," said the Emperor, "to lead the fight which has never ceased for Abyssinia's freedom and to help our Ally, Britain, in the larger fight to liberate all nations enslaved by Fascist tyranny."

Haile Selassie dresses now as a soldier in khaki tunic and trousers and on his top wears a badge which is a challenge to Italy—the figure of St George.

For Abyssinia adopted St George as patron saint after the Italians were routed at Adowa on St George's Day, 40-odd years ago.

"All reports I have received from my country since I arrived

a few months Italy has been reduced to the status of a third-class Power and she now faces the grim penalty for treachery and perverted ambition. For Mussolini and Hitler, the writing is on the wall; their total elimination can only be a matter of time.

here," he said, "make it clear that my entire people are waiting with anxiety for the day when I shall once more be able to take my place among them."

"Every day I receive fresh evidence of it in the delegations which come here to see me and to receive my orders from all parts of Abyssinia."

"The fight against the Italian oppressors has never ceased, but it has blazed up more fiercely than ever since Italy entered the war, and I returned to the borders of my country."

"Even from Addis Ababa I have received indirectly news of support for me."

"Even there, under the nose of Italian guns which defend the barbed wire-ringed capital, people are hoping and planning for my return."

"My presence here has permitted me to co-ordinate to a great extent plans for warlike action by my people against the oppressor."

"To those who have not come in I have sent, at their request, my representatives who give them orders which permit them to get their military activities into a general scheme."

The Emperor made two points very plain.



Selassie—Welcomed Home

First, complete Abyssinian independence is for him the only possible end of the struggle against Italy.

Secondly, that he makes no distinction of creed or race among his people. To him they are all Southern Gallas, as well as any other Abyssinians.

That this second view is more realistic than some might suppose is suggested by the number of Galla chiefs who have requested him to appoint representatives in their areas.

Though the Emperor stands firm for Abyssinian independence, he hopes and expects help in his country's reconstruction after the war.

"It is my chief desire," he said, "not to retard by a moment the development of Abyssinia."

"So I hope that the great Allied nation which is contributing to the restoration of Abyssinia and her territorial integrity will collaborate also in her post-war peaceful development."

"It is in the economic and intellectual spheres that I look forward to this assistance."

Expressing his gratitude to Britain for the ever-growing aid he is receiving in the reconquest of his country, the Emperor concluded:

"My faith in the approaching liberation of Ethiopia is as absolute as it is in the victory of my great Ally."

"I know all the trenchant methods of warfare employed by the Italians, but all the same I look forward to taking my place among my people, sharing their destiny and enduring their hardships."

The Emperor's slender, delicate hands were crossed on his knees as he spoke. His velvety brown eyes, which can fill so quickly with scorn or laughter, flashed with pride and determination.



## CONVOY PROTEST

### Vichy Says U.K. Abused Rights

BERNE, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—A protest has been addressed by the French Government to London following the convoy incident near the port of Nemours, Algeria, according to a Vichy telegram.

The protest, which was addressed through the United States Government, declares that for months past the visiting of French merchant ships by British naval units always ended in the capture of the vessels in question "even when they carried no cargo."

The view is expressed that the British Fleet exceeded the rights of inspection.

**Delivered in Washington**  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The Vichy Government's Note was delivered by the French Ambassador, M. Henry Haue, with the request that it be forwarded to London.

**No Relaxation**

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Discussions are now proceeding in Washington between British and American representatives on certain aspects of the British blockade policy, states "Reuter's" lobby correspondent.

The British Government have no intention of relaxing in any way their general policy on the blockade.

An interesting commentary on the Vichy Government's professed desire for foodstuffs "for starving France" is found in the recent seizure of two French ships which were brought into Gibraltar. One contained nothing but bananas while the other in addition to one million litres of rum, also carried 250 tons of pineapples.

In these days, such cargoes can be considered luxuries rather than necessities.

**German Shortage**  
Regarding the general effects of the blockade, it is learned that the Germans are feeling a grave shortage of rubber, copper, nickel, alloys, wool and tanning materials. Germany is believed to be entering into her stocks of oil despite synthetic oil production and imports from Rumania and Russia.

By the end of the year, Germany is likely to be in serious difficulties about oil supplies. If the heavy air attacks on her refineries and synthetic oil plants continue, if the Navy retains control of the Eastern Mediterranean and if the Nazis have to fight on land.

## SOCIETY WEDDING

Belgian Ambassador As Witness

His Excellency the Belgian Ambassador to China, Baron Guillaume, and the Consul-General for Belgium, Mr H. Van der Straeten were witnesses at the marriage of Mr Louis Gerard Henri de San, to Mlle Leonie Alice Maria de Chaffoy de Courcelles, at St Joseph's Church this morning. His Excellency, Mr H. Valtorta pronounced the nuptial blessing.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr and Mrs E. E. R. M. H. de Chaffoy de Courcelles, was given away by her father, and was attended by the Misses J. Challinor and S. Christensen, as bridesmaids. She wore a princess frock of white brocade satin, and carried a bouquet of arum lilies. Her attendants wore early Victorian frocks of flowered tulle in pink and blue, and carried bouquets of white carnations.

The bride's mother attended the ceremony in a smart gown of fine blue French lace, with which she wore a sailor hat trimmed with pink roses—a Gage creation.

**Embassy Secretary**  
The bridegroom, who is the son of Mr Edouard de San, of Brussels, is Secretary to the Belgian Embassy in China. His best man was Mr M. Pirenne.

The Rev. Fr. A. Riganti was at the organ.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, where the customary toasts were honoured by the many friends of the happy couple.

The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay. Mmo de San travelled in a white spotted dark-green silk dress.

## Bargain With China Proposed

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Central News).—Following the publication by "The Times" on March 27 of a special article entitled "Chiang Kai-shek's Russia card," Mr Philip Price, M.P., is asking the Foreign Secretary whether steps have been taken or will be taken to assure the Chinese Government that as long as China does not make peace with Japan while Japanese troops are on Chinese territory, no attempt should be made by the British Government to detach Japan from the Axis by concessions at China's expense.

## Inspector Mair

Inspector W. Mair, prominent Police lawn bowler, has arrived back in the Colony after being away on long leave. It is understood that he will be stationed at Central Police Station.

## AID BRITAIN

### U.S. Press Urges No Restrictions

NEW YORK, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The "San Francisco Chronicle" writes: "Aid to Britain and to every other nation which resists the Axis criminals has been decided on as the best way to defend America. It follows that the aid must be as much and as fast as it is needed."

"We have got to provide food, clothes, medicine, supplies and planes and see that they get there. If the British have not the ships, we must provide them. If they cannot provide convoys, we must provide them. The stuff has got to get there if we have to swim across with it."

"America is in this thing right up to the neck. We cannot set any limits. We cannot even reserve 'short of men'."

"If convoys are needed, the American Navy must provide them and there is little doubt that they are needed. And the Navy is more than ready and willing."

**Respect For British**

The "Chicago Daily Times" columnist writes: "In one important respect, the Nazis have already lost the war. Their primary aim with that of exhibiting the Axis as a superior power. Instead of merely sopping in that task, they have done worse. They have presented the British in the best possible light."

The columnist goes on to praise British morale and high courage in the defence of their homeland and says how this has aroused far more respect for the British than ever before.

"This admiration has grown at the expense of the Germans. It must be awfully disconcerting to be a Nazi and realise that the Nazis' most substantial and most phenomenal achievement has been to make Americans admire the British tremendously."

**Dominion Ties**

The "Providence Journal" of Boston says: "To say that the British are accomplishing this or planning that in Africa, Greece and Singapore is only partly true. What is being made is an Empire effort in which the contributions of the Dominions and colonies are becoming of larger actual and relative importance."

"Their manpower is exceptionally competent, physically and mentally, and it is being not merely trained in generous quantities but equipped to the fullest extent possible with the products of Dominion factories that are being brought into play with commendable rapidity. It is the Empire effort that has enabled the British to deal with the situation in Africa, to act defensively for the time being in the Far East, to go to Greece in strength and to plan with some confidence for the future."

The British Navy and the British merchant Marine lie the entire far-flung effort together."

## Italians Lose 1,000 Aircraft

### Effectiveness Of R.A.F. In Middle East

CAIRO, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The important part played by the Royal Air Force in the British victories on land and sea in North Africa and the Mediterranean was emphasised by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Middle East, broadcasting from here to-day on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of the birth of the R.A.F.

He referred to the fact that over 1,000 Italian aircraft have been destroyed in the Middle East and paid great tribute to the magnificent display of R.A.F. fighters at Malta and the splendid work of R.A.F. aircraft allotted for sea and port reconnaissance in co-operation with the Navy.

**Enemy Fleet Located**  
Immediately before last week's naval victory, he added, R.A.F. reconnaissance aircraft had located the enemy forces and continued to report their movements.

Acting on this information, R.A.F. bombers attacked and hit and crippled one, and possibly two of the cruisers and one of the destroyers out of those finally disposed of by Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham.

Many of the bomber crews who participated in that operation were only a few weeks ago helping our army in their Libyan victory.

The R.A.F. could look back on these achievements with satisfaction, "but it is what lies ahead that matters in war. The ships have many storms to weather yet," Marshal Longmore concluded, wishing good luck to the R.A.F. in the Middle East and at home.

## S. M. C. Meeting Fixed

### Statement Qualified

SHANGHAI, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Both the annual meeting and the special meeting of ratifiers will be held on April 17, it is understood.

The special meeting is to pass the new health laws.

Meanwhile, it is stressed that yesterday's statement by Mr Godfrey Phillips on the new composition of the Council was not an official Council statement but one that the Secretary-General was authorised to make by British, American, and Japanese Consular authorities.

## WHERE YUGO-SLAVIA STANDS

### Pact May Not Be Rejected

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The policy adopted by the new Yugoslav Government is clear and unequivocal, writes "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent. They wish to maintain peace, to keep close and friendly relations with all their neighbours and above all, to safeguard their political independence and territorial integrity.

While they have not repudiated the Tripartite Pact, they are examining it very carefully and objectively. If its provisions do not run counter to Yugoslav policy, the Government of General Simovitch will probably not denounce the signatures of its predecessors.

But, adds the correspondent, it is evident that the Germans are not prepared to leave the interpretation of the Pact in the hands of General Simovitch and his Government.

**No Neutrality**

To the Nazis, as they have repeatedly declared, there is no such thing as neutrality. A country may be either for or against them, especially if the Germans are able to enforce this point of view.

In these circumstances, Germany's attitude would leave Yugoslavia only the alternatives of subservience or the consequences of refusal, and it is significant that German propaganda is now running in the same direction as it took before the attacks on Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland. But the Germans are dealing in Belgrade with a Government which has come to power on a tide of national feeling against serfdom. As a result, an attempt to drive a wedge between the Serbs and the Croats and Slovenes is unlikely to be more successful than the efforts to intimidate the Serbs with stories of the "horrible" persecution of German settlers.

The Croats are strongly democratic and consequently are opposed to totalitarian methods and ideas. In addition, the recent Allied successes, coupled with the American attitude, have influenced opinion in the Balkans.

**Mediation Rumours**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BELGRADE, Apr. 1 (UP).—It is understood that there is a plan afoot for the Yugoslav Government to send a letter to M. Duce asking him to mediate. According to reliable Yugoslav sources, no concrete step has as yet been taken. The Italian move is timed to coincide with the Croatian efforts, and also to avoid war at all costs.

At Zagreb this evening, after a day-long session of the leaders of the Croatian Peasant Party, M. Matichet told the journalists that they "had reached a decision," and shortly thereafter Messrs Kosutic, Sutej and Smoljan entrained for Belgrade.

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## KIANGSI WAR

### Chinese Extend Operations

SIUHSUI, Apr. 1 (Central News).—Following the collapse of the Japanese offensive in the Kuoan-Fengsin sector, Chinese forces are launching a concerted attack on Fengtiao, important city on the south bank of the Yangtze 38 miles below Kiangsi, in north-east Kiangsi.

Advancing in several columns, the Chinese on March 26 captured the Japanese position at Wangfushan, a strategic height south of Fengtiao, following a furious engagement.

On March 29, the Japanese dispatched a large relief detachment to the Wangfushan region but it was intercepted by the Chinese.

Polyuan, another important point south of Fengtiao, was reduced on March 28. Severe fighting is proceeding there as the Japanese are counter-attacking.

**Suiyuan Fighting**

WEST SUYUAN, Apr. 1 (Central News).—Severe fighting has been in progress on the southern bank of the Yellow River south of Paotow since the latter part of March.

Following the capture of Chaiteng, Shengkat and Heltan, the Chinese on March 28 launched a furious assault on Langerpang and occupied the point. The Japanese staged a counter-attack but it was turned back abandoning more than 100 dead.

**South Kiangtung**

CHUNGKING, Apr. 1 (Central News).—Fighting on the southern Kiangtung coast is continuing unabated but the Japanese advance inland is being effectively blocked.

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## CHINESE DOLLAR

### Fluctuations Are Explained

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Central News).—The "Economist" and the "News Chronicle" surveyed optimistically the causes of the recent exchange fluctuations of the Chinese dollar.

Firstly, the papers said, active assistance to the Stabilisation Fund is not apparent because the technical arrangement for switching the centre of official dealings between Shanghai, Hongkong and Chungking has not been completed.

Secondly, owing to Britain's shortage of gold dollars, the British Stabilisation Fund must necessarily be confined to the sterling area thereby restricting the operations of the free market in Shanghai, but negotiations are now proceeding for preventing the Fund from feeding the Shanghai market which remains the main loophole of the exchange control.

A solution will be found in a payment agreement with China giving Chinese holders a greater latitude in the utilisation of the funds.

Thirdly, the Stabilisation Fund is far from being exhausted. Hence the recent exchange fluctuation is believed to be deliberate policy rather than powerless acquiescence.

Fourthly, particularly encouraging is the fact that the United States credit to China shows preparedness to accept responsibility for the support of the Chinese dollar in the free market.

**Mr MATSUOKA'S MEETINGS**

Cordial Count & Dolorous Duce

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, who is now in Rome, had what is described as a "cordial conversation" with Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, at the Chigi Palace at 5 p.m. to-day.

After their conversation, Count Ciano accompanied Mr Matsuoka to the Palazzo Venezia, where Mr Matsuoka saw Signor Mussolini.

**Evening Interview**

ROME, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Mr Matsuoka had an interview with Mussolini to-night. They talked for about an hour in the presence of Count Ciano and the Japanese Ambassador, Mr Horikiri.

**Treat For Crowds**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ROME, Apr. 1 (UP).—Mussolini and Matsuoka appeared three times on the balcony at Venice Palace to-night and were wildly cheered by 50,000 persons in Venice Square.

Mussolini was in the uniform of an Honour Corporal and saluted the crowds. Mr Matsuoka wore a morning suit and a silk hat.

From Monday April 7, at 8.30 p.m. Y.M.C.A. Whist Drives will be replaced by Bridge drives open to members, their friends and ladies, costing with refreshments, 60 cents each.

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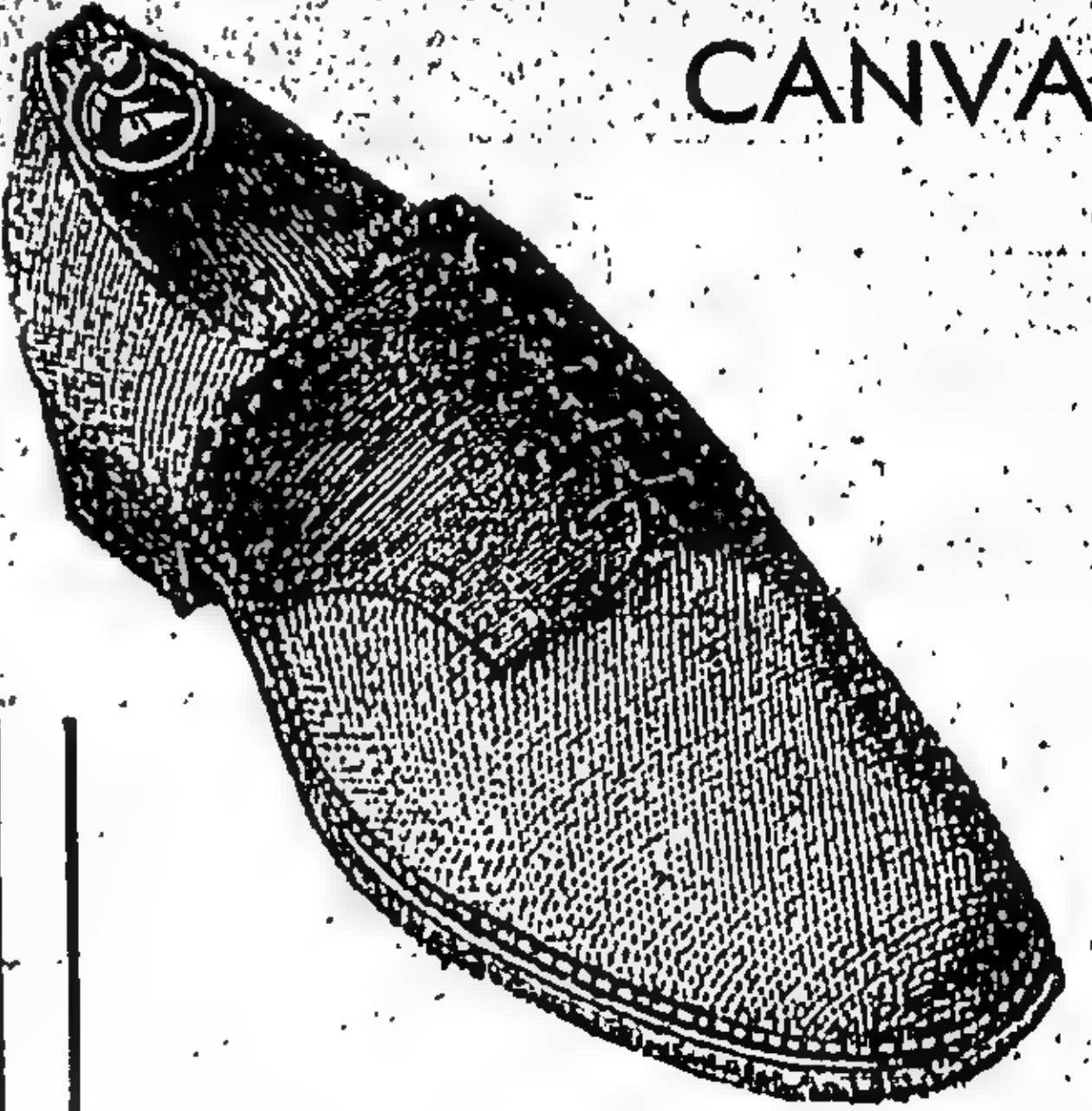
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# Around The Courses Playing The Correct Fairways Suggestions For Improvement

## Holes In One At Fanling: President v. Captain's Match At Sheungshui

(By "Birdie")

THE RESULT of the Country Club-Kowloon match was according to book, though the margin was a little bigger than was anticipated. However, a good time was had by all.

Kowloon are now ready to play another of their matches with Happy Valley, this to be on Good Friday at Kowloon. The Valley side has been chosen, but (at the time of writing) the Mainland team is not yet complete.

These Inter-Club matches do quite some good for the various Clubs in the Colony no matter what the game. This can be said for golf, though it is a more "selfish" game in that outside competition is not so essential.

As regards improvement in players, I heard one or two very good suggestions recently. One of these was mentioned in a contemporary paper last week, I think, and it concerned the teeing up of the ball for shots off the fairways if the ground is not fit for proper play.

But the better suggestion was to make people play to the correct fairway. Rough is usually the penalty for a slice or a bad hook, but on courses such as those of Happy Valley, Kowloon and the Country Club, where space does not allow a lavish lay-out for the fairways, these must run close together, and it is for such courses that the suggestion was made.

The digging of ditches to line the fairways—apart from lining them with pegs—might be made to constitute the boundaries. Shots in this ditch or over them into the adjoining fairway should be considered out of bounds, though not with the usual penalty of stroke and distance.

The loss of one stroke would be sufficient, the ball to be picked up and dropped within two club-lengths of the ditch on the correct fairway.

At Kowloon, perhaps, the fairways are already sufficiently narrow, though off the first tee one can slice around to either the second or eighth greens and play one's second shot from there without penalty, but at the Country Club, Sheungshui, it would be very workable. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th fairways run parallel to each other with only a strip of rough dividing them, and it quite often is no great penalty to play from that rough.

## Kowloon-Valley Golf Match Starting Times

The Kowloon team and starting times for their golf match against Happy Valley at Kowloon on Good Friday will be as follows:

A.M.	P.M.
8.50 R. K. Collings, D. S. Edward	2.00
9.00 A. J. Dennis, K. S. Robertson	2.10
9.10 K. S. Robertson, A. McKellar	2.20
9.20 T. B. Low, T. Low	2.30
9.30 I. S. Phillips, A. C. J. Dowker	2.40
9.40 W. V. Ahern, A. D. Humphreys	2.50
9.50 W. Lamb, L. M. S. Lyons	3.00
10.00 F. C. Barry, A. L. Penn	3.10
10.10 A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Willerton	3.20
10.20 E. S. Jones, J. E. Robinson	3.30
10.30 F. F. Fincher, C. F. Simpson	3.40
10.40 S. J. McKelvie, C. Davies	3.50
10.50 W. Kershaw, W. Stoker	4.00

Reserves  
9.54 E. C. Fincher, N. D. Booker 2.40  
9.58 J. Coles, M. A. Cairns

Fourballs in the afternoon will be played according to the times on the right.

It is a good idea—this digging of ditches—for by punishment it will teach beginners to play straight.

FANLING seems to be the home of the holes-in-one and another was scored on the New Course on Sunday. P. A. Cotton cracked a brassie shot off the tee at the 7th (305 yards) and then found his ball inside the cup!

I understand that this has been done at this hole before, but in any case it is quite a mighty shot, especially on Sunday last when the ground was rather wet and holding.

World's record for the longest hole-in-one is 374 yards, and this was done by a so-so player named Frank Mellus at the Los Angeles Country Club, California, in 1932. He was assisted by a strong wind.

Record at Home is a shot of 340 yards by George Kirby at Sheungshui, Southamton in 1928. And there are only three other recorded instances of holes-in-one being more than 300 yards.

When I said the record was 374 yards, I was referring to a ball hit by a human being. A golf ball driven by machine at Columbus County Club, Ohio, in 1937, was testing balls and drove a 428-yarder which ended in the cup!

## Tsui-Yip Match On Stand Court To-morrow

THE Tennis Championship match between Tsui Wai-pui (former Colony champion) and K. H. Yip (South China A.A. champion) to-morrow will be played on the Stand Court.

## Tournament Tennis

### Small Interest In Matches Yesterday

THERE WAS LITTLE interest in yesterday's matches in the Colony Open Tennis Championships. Three singles games were played, and in all the winners had comparatively little difficulty in advancing into the next round. Spectators gathered around the S. A. Rumjahn-Shields Goodman match and saw the champion win in two straight sets. Rumjahn has lost none of the style and tenacity that gained him the singles crown last year, and his wonderful retrieving shots, which are a feature of his play, were in evidence yesterday.

Scores in brief were:  
SINGLES  
S. A. Rumjahn beat Shields Goodman 6-1, 6-2.  
C. Chon beat T. J. Gould 6-1, 6-3.  
Fang Oi-lam beat Wei Chung 6-1, 6-1.

## To-day's Tennis

To-day's tennis matches will be as follows:

DOUBLES  
I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu v. H. D. & S. A. Rumjahn.

## War Fund Golf Competition At Fanling

The third South China Morning Post War Fund Golf Competition, held at Fanling, between February 14 and March 31, resulted in Capt. J. Reidy (140) and H. W. Belsey (20) returning cards of two up for tie, and they will play off.

Surg. Lieut. Comdr H. L. Cleave (10) and F. A. M. Elliott (20) had cards of one up. Belsey had a score of two up on both the old and new Courses.

The Stableford Competition at Fanling on March 28-29 was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

ally on Sunday last when the ground was rather wet and holding.

THE annual President v. Captain's match will be played at the Country Club on Sunday. Two evenly matched teams have been selected, and the losing side will be hosts at dinners which will be held the same evening.

Teams and starting times for this match will be:

President	Captain
9.30 A. W. Ramsey	F. E. A. Remedios
9.35 W. Williamson	E. J. M. Churn
9.40 A. A. Lopes	A. W. da Rosa
9.45 F. P. Stevens	M. A. Simoes
9.50 H. Ribeiro	E. Jones
9.55 H. Ball	Geo. Lee
10.00 J. J. Davis	A. Pearson
10.05 V. T. Low	C. Matthews
10.10 R. E. Lee	C. H. T. Suen
10.15 A. T. Lee	A. H. Pinna
10.20 T. Y. C. Lee	J. J. Busto
10.25 G. W. Giffen	C. S. M. Thom
10.30 K. T. Oel	M. F. Pinna
10.35 F. X. Silva	J. J. Busto
10.40 Miss A. Sequerra	Mrs. Remedios
10.45 Miss G. Abing	Mrs. M. C. Churn
10.50 Miss G. Kirby	Mrs. M. C. Churn
10.55 Miss M. Mooney	Mrs. M. B. Churn
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By Ernie Bushmiller

## JAPANESE ARMY TRADE FAILURE

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The "Economist" on March 29 stated that in Japanese-occupied China, the Japanese military have assumed complete economic control in the past 12 months.

To-day they dominate not only the semi-official Japanese development companies and their 30-odd subsidiary companies, but also the manufactured industries and all lines of trade which originally had been reserved for private Japanese interests.

The result is the complete absence in these areas not only of Chinese but also Japanese private economic initiative and investment. The parts of China best developed in former times have been in the power of the Japanese military over three years. Although Japan's economic domination of Occupied China is greater than ever, its yield to Japan is lower than ever. Japan sells less in China than before the start of the invasion and at the same time gets less Chinese supplies than before.

Except for monthly shipments of some 400,000 tons of coal, Chinese supplies are insignificant to Japan's economy. The official Japanese "development work" in China is but auxiliary war activity. The chances of profitable investment in Occupied

## S. CHINA BLOCKED

Japanese 'Claim'

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CANTON, April 2 (Domei).—All Chinese supply bases on the Kwangtung coast under the control of the Chiang Kai-shek regime have been reduced by the surprise operations carried out in South China during March, Colonel Sukuma, chief of the Press Section of the Japanese Expeditionary Force to South China, declared in a statement.

At the outset, the Japanese forces carried out large-scale blockading operations on Luichow, Fokhai and other places on the western coast and effectively destroyed enemy bases for foreign trade.

During the middle of March, the Japanese effected a surprise landing on a nameless peninsula east of Blas Bay and controlling important mineral ores which Chungking considered to use for redeeming foreign loans, while at the end of the month the Japanese forces launched their operations on Chaoyang, Swabue, and other bases for supplies in eastern Kwangtung, resulting in the seizure of vast quantities of materials.

## No Theatres For Soldiers On Sundays

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Should wartime conditions be allowed to interfere with Britain's traditional Sunday?

The House of Commons, after a spirited debate, decided that the traditional Sunday must be upheld. The debate arose from a Government order enabling theatres to open on Sundays. The Government, however, made it clear that no political implications were involved and that every member was free to vote according to the dictates of his own feelings.

Member after member argued that theatres should have the same freedom as the B.B.C. and cinemas, and the Home Secretary (Mr. Herbert Morrison), speaking for the Government, declared that both soldiers and workers needed these facilities.

But meanwhile opponents were busy in the lobbies rounding up supporters and rather to their own surprise, says "Reuter's" Lobby Correspondent, they won.

On a free vote, the order enabling theatres to open on Sundays was defeated by 144 votes against 136.

## EULOGY IN HOUSE OF LORDS

—Battle of Matapan

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Congratulations from the British Government have been sent to the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet on the recent brilliant victory over the Italian Fleet.

The Leader of the House, Lord Moyne, said: "To-day our minds are filled with the gallantry of the forces engaged off Matapan and the brilliant skill of their leadership. This war has taught us no new lessons to add to the courage and brilliancy with which we have maintained our sea power. These qualities are traditional."

"The battle of Cerenalea was a model combination between land, air and sea forces and the battle of Matapan has offered a perfect example of co-operation between the Fleet, the Air Arm and the R.A.F. which was based on the island of Crete. At last the training and efficiency of the Fleet has had its reward."

**Graf Spee Recalled**  
"Throughout the war, it has faced the methods of submarine warfare which the Germans have applied in what was previously looked upon as a system of indiscriminate murder. The Nazis have profited by the bitter experience of the Graf Spee which with its heavier armament was driven to destruction by the accurate gunners of the Achilles, Ajax and Exeter and have since that experience taken care that Nazi and Italian surface ships shall never meet their match in size or arms but shall run away from smaller units to avoid disaster."

"The skill of Admiral Cunningham's combined operations has completely defeated this method. Bombing from the air prevented the Italian units from profiting from their additional speed in flight and enabled our ships to finish their work."

"We have become accustomed to such disproportionate casualties between victors and vanquished as has reminded us of the wars between the Persians and the Greeks on the classic battle grounds of the Near East. But not even the Battle of Salamis, where the Greek losses were five times as great as those of the Persians, can provide a precedent for the overwhelming disaster to the Italian Fleet without cost to the victors of a single man or ship." (Cheers.)

**Battle of Atlantic**  
LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The present scale of British shipping losses is not high enough for Hitler to achieve victory in 1941 as he had promised and he can only win by obtaining mastery of the Atlantic, said Lieut-Commander Fletcher, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking in London to-day.

Admiral Cunningham's latest triumph was only a phase in the great naval battle. The deciding phase would be fought in the Atlantic. It would be a hard and tough fight, but we would win.

## Clydeside Casualties

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Some 1,100 people were killed in German air raids of March 13 and 14 in the Clydeside area and 1,000 were seriously injured, stated the Home Secretary (Mr. Herbert Morrison) answering questions in the House of Commons to-day.

## Gift To Roosevelt

CHUNGKING, Apr. 1 (Central News).—President Roosevelt has acknowledged through Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to China, acceptance with thanks of the Chinese painting of 100 doves by Professor Chang Shu-chi of the National Central University, which was presented to him in celebration of his inauguration for a Third Term.

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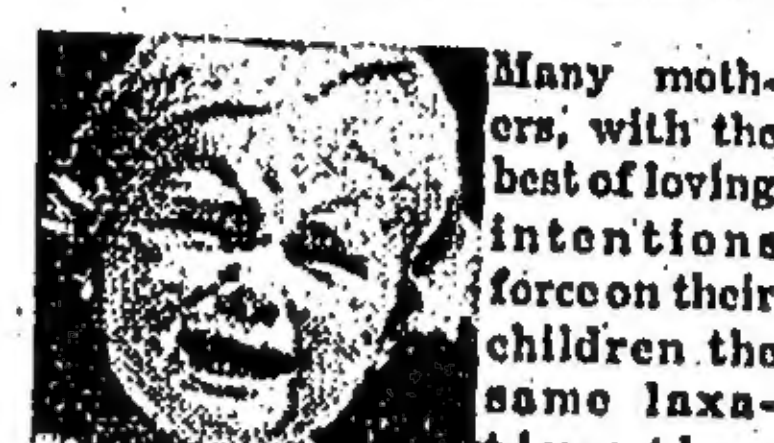
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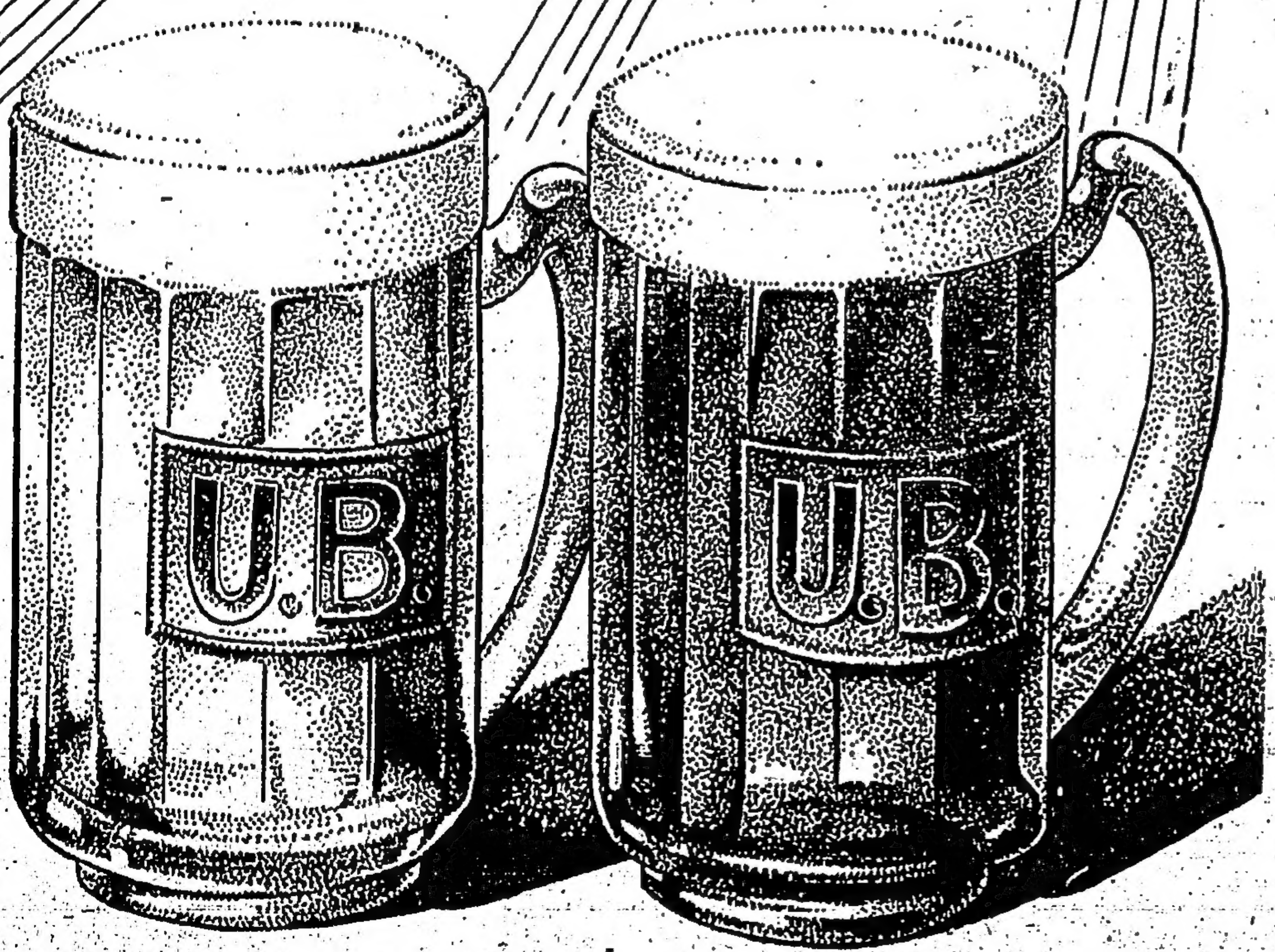
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Apr. 1 (UP).—For the 22nd consecutive year, Mr. Montague Norman has been elected Governor of the Bank of England. Mr. D. G. Cattermole has been elected Deputy Governor for the sixth consecutive term.

## Aid For Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (UP).—President Roosevelt returned to the White House to-day and immediately started allocating American supplies among the American forces in Britain and other democracies from data furnished by Mr. Harry Hopkins.

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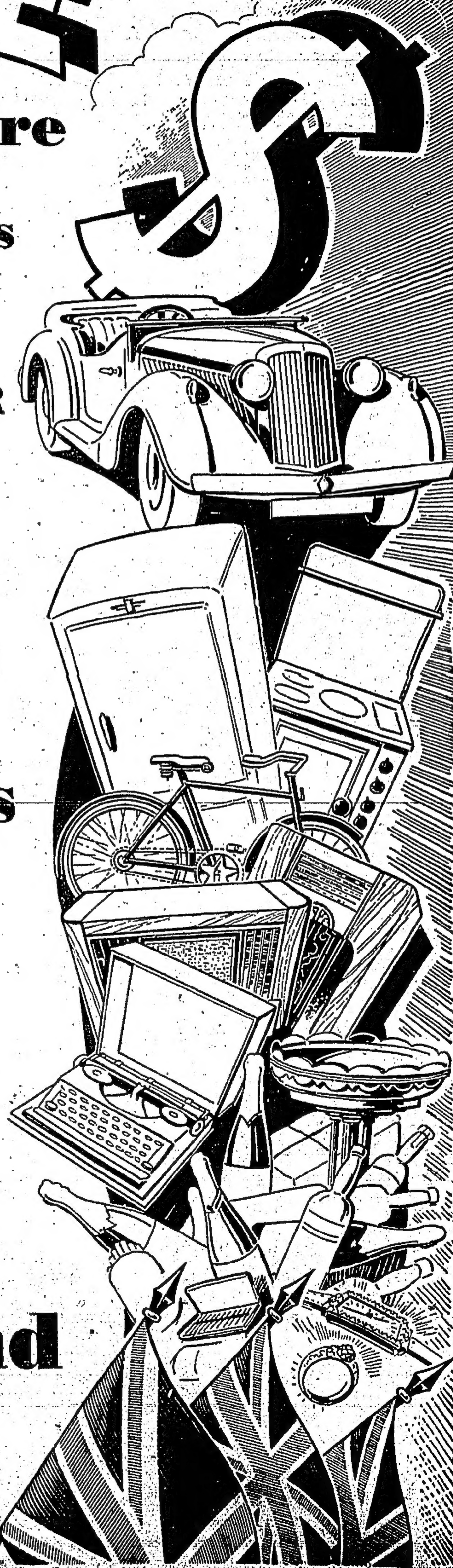
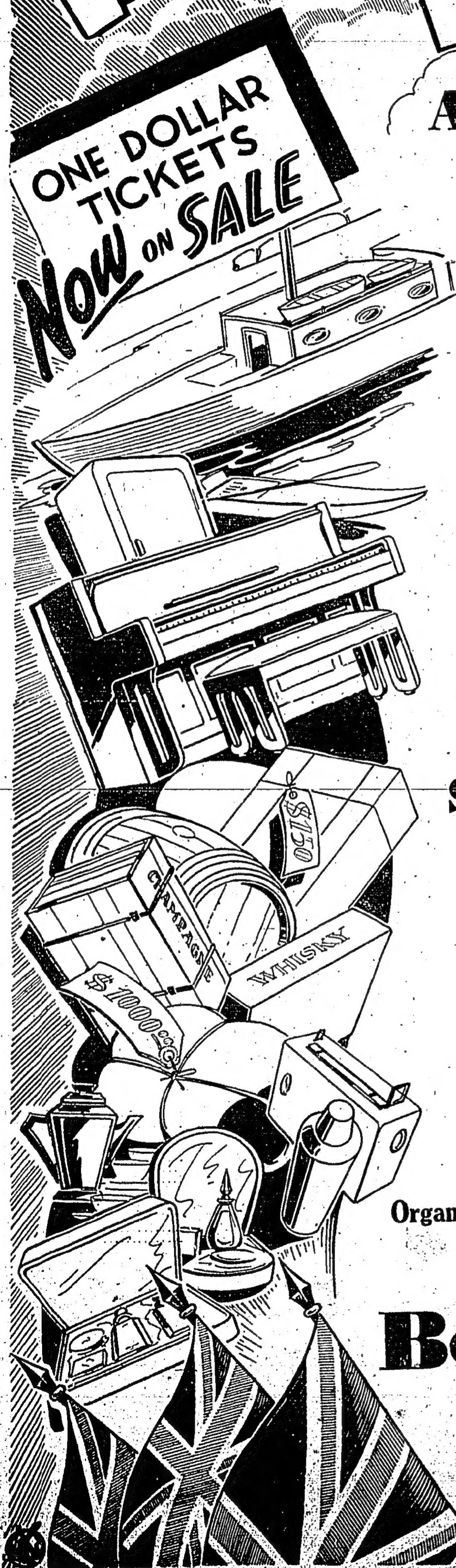
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# BALKANS MOVING TOWARDS WAR

## Nazi Troops Concentrating

Special to the "Telegraph"

**BELGRADE, Apr. 1 (UP).—**It is reported that the Germans are concentrating on the Yugo-Slavian frontier in numbers unknown, but including the whole of one unit of paratroopers.

The process of moving the permanent archives to interior point has been under way for more than a month, but this was naturally speeded up this week. There is no frantic haste of foreigners to evacuate. The few British women still remaining in Belgrade were advised several weeks ago to leave unless their duties urgently required their staying.

# BLOCKADE GAP

## Vichy's Secret Barter Treaty

**LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—**Very revealing figures regarding Axis acquisitions of imports into unoccupied France were quoted by Mr Hugh Dalton, Minister for Economic Warfare, in replying to a series of questions in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr Dalton declared that figures purporting to be official showed that during the two months of December and January together, about 450 vessels with cargoes of half a million tons had entered Marseilles and about 400 ships with cargoes of 136,000 tons had left Marseilles.

Mr Dalton continued "a large number of reports from various sources leave no doubt that the Germans have their pick of all the incoming cargoes, while the Italians are permitted a smaller choice. Nearly all these reports indicate that more than half such imports are taken by the Axis."

**Commodities Imported**  
Principal commodities imported, continued Mr Dalton, were ground-nuts, grain, fruit, vegetables, fish, eggs, skins, sugar, coffee, cocoa, wool, wine, spirits, oil and pig lead.

Asked whether any explanation had been given by Admiral Darlan and Vichy of the fact that the Vichy Government were transferring food from Marseilles and elsewhere to Germany whilst they were begging Britain for supplies of food, Mr Dalton replied "Admiral Darlan has made a large number of statements and they all speak for themselves."

To a suggestion that it was time that the practice of allowing French ships from the French Empire overseas to pass unmolested through the Straits of Gibraltar should cease, Mr Dalton said that a number of interceptions had in fact taken place.

Referring to the recent incident, Mr Dalton declared that it was not a case that ships were allowed to pass freely through the Straits at all time. Some exceptions had been made in recent months.

**Reconsider Permission**  
Later, Mr Dalton was asked if he would reconsider the decision to allow two foodships to pass unmolested to unoccupied France now that it had been disclosed that the alleged gift of wheat by Germany to Vichy was only part of a barter agreement and that under this arrangement some of the foods which Vichy was to supply to Germany were to be imported through Marseilles.

He declared that the omission of Vichy to disclose the facts about the barter agreement when complaining of the British blockade would not rebound to their credit.

The British Government is in communication with the United States Government regarding the affair. The British Government did not feel able to withdraw from the pledge given to the United States regarding

# U.S.-Mexican Defence

**WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—**The United States and Mexico to-day signed a convention providing for reciprocal use of airfields.

This will permit United States planes to reach Panama in the shortest possible time.

**Agreement**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (Domel).—**According to authoritative sources, the agreement provides, among other things, that United States military planes may stop over at any Mexican airfield for 24 hours for refuelling and repairs; Mexico will provide any protection against enemy attacks at airfields in the event of emergency.

Fourthly, long-range bombers may be ferried in short stops over Mexico via Guantamano or a new base will be constructed at Jamaica.

**Effective Bombing**  
LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The Swedish newspaper "Hudikvalls Nyheter" on March 22 published letters from France, one of which declared that British attacks on French harbours had blown these harbours to bits.

**N.E.I. MISSION**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BATAVIA, Mar. 31 (Domel).—Dr E. N. van Kleffens, Foreign Minister, and Mr C. J. Welter, Colonial Minister of the Netherlands Government in London will probably arrive here on April 12 or 13.

A news agency also reports that a big forest fire on Serbian territory is visible from Rumania. Refugees from the village of Boka report that Yugo-Slavian troops are closing the Rumanian border and it is believed that many Germans would be unable to leave Serbia.

**German Demands**  
BELGRADE, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—With the reported departure for Berlin on Monday of Herr Victor von Heeren, the German Minister in Belgrade, it is possible that German-Yugo-Slav relations are entering the final stage.

German circles here declare that Herr von Heeren is returning to give a personal report to Hitler, who will take decisive action immediately. German negotiations with the new Yugo-Slav Government are reported to be centred round three demands from the Nazis, namely, full compensation for damage to German property after the coup d'etat, full public ratification of the Tripartite Pact and demobilisation in Yugo-Slavia.

**Nazi "Horror"**  
LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—Germany beat her big propaganda drum with a louder and more menacing note to-day, continuing the war of nerves against Yugo-Slavia.

"The general anti-German tendencies in Yugo-Slavia have become steadily worse," says a German news agency quoting a semi-official allegation. "Developments in Yugo-Slavia are determined by uncontrollable agitators and opponents who set fire to villages, beat women, murder people and drive out the Germans," the statement adds.

**Simovitch Replies**  
VICHY, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—According to a Budapest report, General Simovitch, the Yugo-Slav Prime Minister, has sent a reply to Germany which reached Berlin to-day on "all questions" interesting Germany.

**NAVIGATION**  
**Floating Mine And Derelict Junk**  
The Naval Authorities report that a floating mine was sighted 2 1/4 miles north from Lintin Island yesterday. The lat. is 22 degrees 09' N, long 114 degrees 03' E (Approx.).

**Drifting Vessel**  
A derelict junk with foremast and hull still standing was reported to the Harbour Authorities as drifting in lat. 22 degrees 44' 30" N, long 100 degrees 17' E, (approx) on Monday. The junk is considered dangerous to navigation.

these two ships, but this did not imply that under the present conditions they would be prepared to issue navicerts for imports into France of other supplies.

# Mr Joaquim Baptista Passes

A father to son tradition of social and charitable service extending from shortly after the foundation of the Colony was broken by the death at 2 a.m. to-day of Mr Joaquim Baptista, of No. 5, St Joseph's Terrace, Robinson Road.

Mr Baptista was 70 years of age. He retired three years ago from his post as head of the local staff in the Jardine Matheson Hongkong & Canton Fire Insurance Office, with which company he had worked for over thirty years. He had been ill for two months.

The family has many relatives in this Colony, Shanghai and Macao. The deceased's father, Mariano, came to Hongkong very early in life. He did the interior paintings of the old City Hall and it is interesting to note that a brother and a nephew of the same name have exhibited their artistic talents locally.

Mr Baptista kept up his family's name for charitable work. A fervent Catholic he devoted all his spare efforts to the Society of Apostleship and Prayer.

He was a single man. The funeral will pass the Monument to-day at 5.15. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

# Burma-China Railway

Permanent Supply Road

**LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—**The British Government have agreed to provide funds to enable the Government of Burma to build a railway line from the railhead at Lashio to the frontier which will link up the Burma Railway system with that of China, stated the Secretary of State for Burma to-day in reply to a question in the House of Commons.

It is understood that this is a long-term rather than a short-term plan, rendered necessary by the fact that the Burma-Yunnan Road has proved to be inadequate for most general requirements of traffic between the two countries.

# Italian Troops Wiped Out

**ATHENS, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—**Two companies of Italian troops were wiped out in a local operation carried out by the Greeks in Albania on Monday, states the Athens radio quoting the Greek Press Ministry bulletin.

# Padre Returns

The Rev. K. MacKenzie Dow, of the Union Church, has arrived back in Hongkong.

# U.S.-German Showdown In 60 Days is Forecast

Special to the "Telegraph"

**NEW YORK, Apr. 1 (UP).—**The columnists Raymond Clapper and Phillip Simms see the United States moving towards war, with a possible showdown within 60 days. Both believe that the United States must convey supplies, which would mean that the Germans would attack the ships.

Mr Clapper said: "We are moving with increasing speed on a course of undeclared, and thus far, bloodless war. Most informed circles here believe that the conveying of goods to Britain will be undertaken soon. It will require courage on the part of the Administration because it means to risk actual hostilities to which a considerable section of the public is still opposed. Evidently, President Roosevelt believes the country should not allow a love for peace to prevent it from doing whatever is necessary to achieve total victory."

**Early Showdown**  
Mr Simms asserted: "An early showdown between the United States and the Axis is regarded as a virtual certainty, probably within the next sixty days. The seizure of the Axis ships, probably for British use, is only a straw in the wind. The belting here is that the United States will be in the war by June or thereabouts. President Roosevelt has given Britain and the world his solemn pledge not to stop until Hitler is defeated—thus, the Hitler train and the

Roosevelt train are racing towards each other on the same track, and few believe that a crash can be avoided. Almost everyone believes that the United States must use its navy and air force if she is to deliver the goods, whereupon the shooting will start automatically."

**Losses and Thefts**  
Mrs C. L. Matthews of the Repulse Bay Hotel, has reported to the Police that while walking along Queen's Road, Central, yesterday about 11.30 a.m. a Chinese snatched her wrist watch, valued at \$10, from her wrist and made off with it before help could be called.

Mr W. Foley of the Peninsula Hotel had his wallet, containing \$40, taken from his person by an unknown Chinese while walking in Queen's Road, Central, about 1.30 p.m. yesterday.

Mr J. L. Grassie of No. 2 Jordan Road, Kowloon, has reported the loss of \$45 in cash while travelling on the Peak Tram yesterday.

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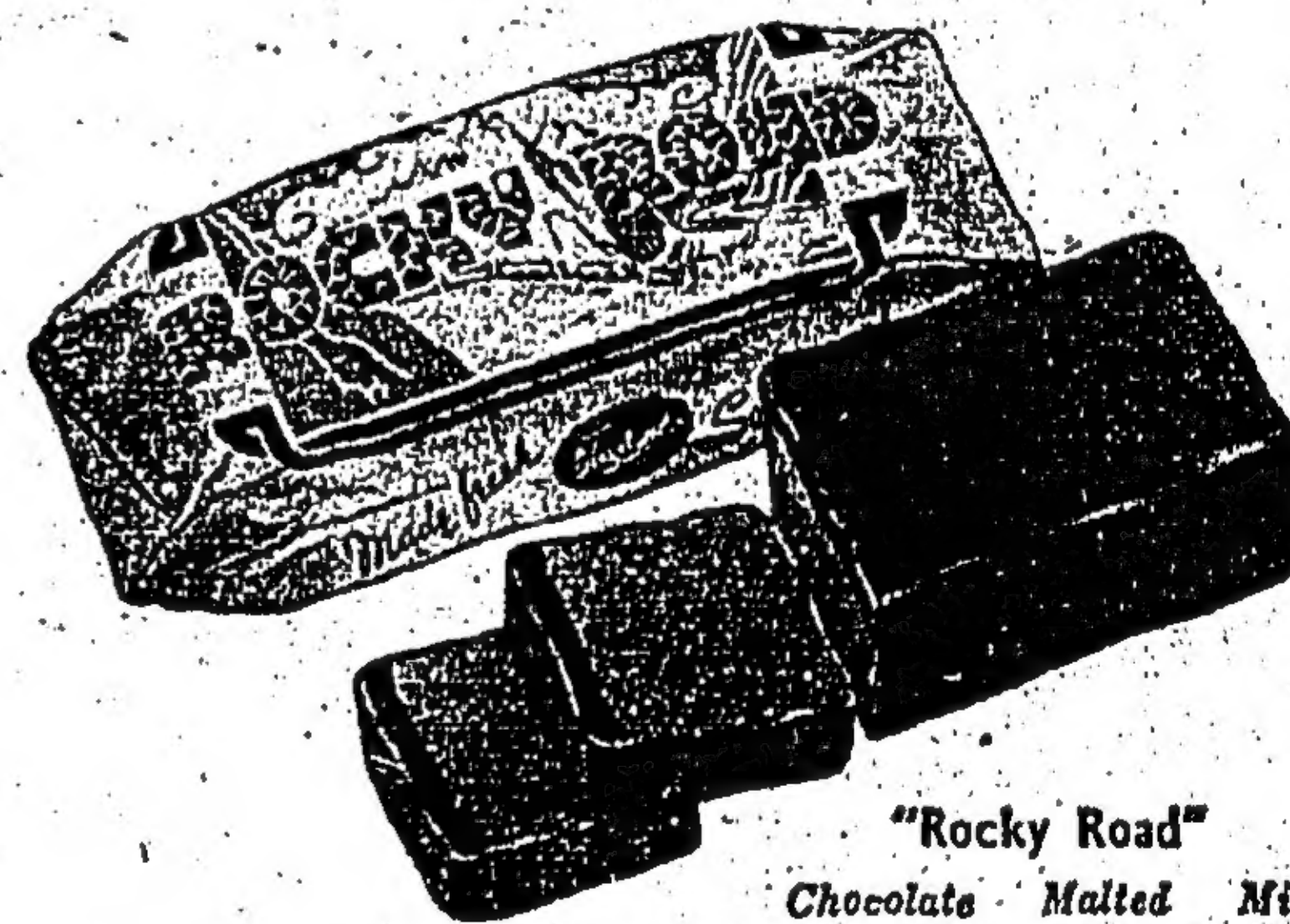
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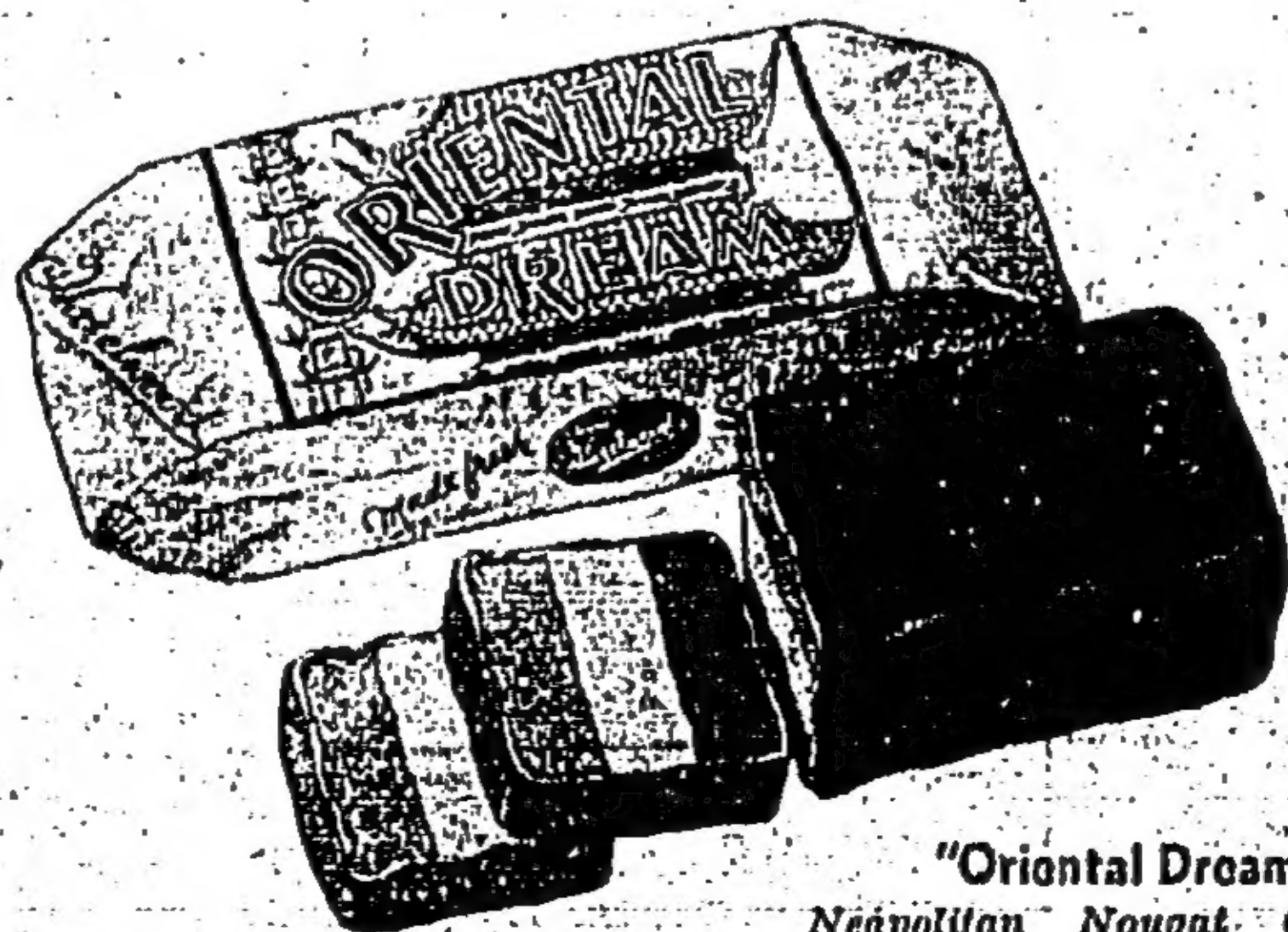
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## Eight Nazi, Italian Ships Set on Fire

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tormented tonnage has been set on fire and expected to be a total loss. The German freighters *Worms*, *Thia*, *2,010 tons* and the *Worms*, *3,315 tons* were set on fire on Monday evening.

**Wants Prompt Release**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (UP).—It is reliably learned that Germany and Italy have demanded the prompt release of the Axis ships and their crews.

**No Knowledge**

BERLIN, Apr. 1 (UP).—Authorized quarters nothing is known here regarding the report that Germany and Italy have demanded the release of the seized ships and crews.

**26 Ships Damaged**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (UP).—A recapitulation made by the Treasury Department reveals that 25 of the 28 Italian ships and one of the 28 German ships which were seized were previously damaged.

**French Fleet's Future**

NEW YORK, Apr. 1 (UP).—The "World Telegram" to-day reported that the French Line has consulted the Treasury Department and the State Department regarding a plan to place the French merchant fleet, except the Normandie, in service between Indo China and New York.

It is reported that they pointed out that large quantities of rubber and other essential defence materials is awaiting shipment and they are willing to place an American super-cargo aboard each ship to guarantee that she reaches the port for which she sails.

**Two Burnt Out**

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Apr. 1 (Reuters).—The German steamer, *Eisenach*, 4,177 tons, and the Italian vessel, *Fella*, 6,042 tons, were completely destroyed by fire at Punta Arenas.

The crews have been arrested and put in goal here awaiting trial.

**Peruvian Destroyers Chase**

LIMA, Apr. 1 (Reuters).—The Peruvian destroyers, *Almirante Guise* and *Almirante Villar*, have been despatched by the naval authorities at Callao to chase the two German ships that weighed anchor last night and made for the high seas.

It is thought that they will be intercepted by the Canadian warship *Prince Henry*, which visited Callao last week.

Both the German ships, over 5,000 tons each, were set on fire by the crews an hour later. The crews were interred.

**Mexico Follows Suit**

MEXICO, CITY, Apr. 1 (UP).—The Mexican Government to-day ordered the navy to place in protective custody, 12 Italian ships with a gross tonnage of 73,886 tons, and aboard which there are 300 men. Two have already been seized at Vera Cruz, while a gunboat is enroute to Tampico to take over the others.

**Axis Protests**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (UP).—It is reliably stated that Germany and Italy have demanded the prompt release of the seized merchant ships and crews. It is understood that the protests are identical in terms and contend that there is no basis in international law for protective custody, while they know of no United States law which would authorize such action.

Meanwhile, official circles are increasingly inclined to believe that the seizures will preclude the requisitioning of the ships for use in the United States merchant marine.

There is every indication that the United States will ignore the protests and proceed with action against the crews. Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State said he had not studied the matter carefully enough to determine whether or not the protests even needed a reply. He added that the protests would not be published for the present. He asserted that Italy had not replied to the United States request to close the Italian vice-consulates at Newark, N.J., and Detroit, and he declined to discuss the possibility of further action.

A high official of the Treasury Department revealed that the United States has placed 19 French merchantmen, including the Normandie "under surveillance," which is interpreted as a forerunner of the seizure of the vessels now tied up in six United States ports. Eight of the ships are at New York; four at New Orleans; two at St Thomas, Virgin Islands; one at San Juan, Puerto Rico; two at San Francisco and two at Los Angeles.

**Immediate Prosecution**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (UP).—The Attorney General, Mr Robert Jackson, to-day authorized the Federal Attorneys to proceed with the immediate prosecution of the sabotage cases on Italian and German ships.

The action, in effect, replied to the official Italian and German demands that the vessels and crews be released. Federal agents have already begun investigation of the sabotage on 25 Italian and one German ships.

Mr Jackson's prosecutions will be instituted under the act providing for maximum penalties of a \$25,000 fine or 20 years' imprisonment or both.

**Surveillance of French**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
NEW YORK, Apr. 1 (Domel).—The United States Government announced the placing of 18 French ships in United States ports under surveillance, which differs from the case of Italian and German vessels.

It is understood that the United States Government has assured Vichy that it did not intend to "seize" the French ships.

Besides the luxury liner *Normandie*, 83,433 tons, there are seven French ships in New York; four in New Orleans; two in Virgin Islands; two in Los Angeles; two in San Francisco and one in Puerto Rico.

## TRIPOLI BOMBED

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among military buildings in villages in Southern Abyssinia.

**Over Albania**

In Albania yesterday, a successful raid was made on troops and motor transport moving on the Buzi-Glavo road. Direct hits were observed on the road and on enemy vehicles.

From all operations, British aircraft returned safely with one exception.

**LATE NEWS**

## Duce & Matsuoka Discuss War Zones

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developments at Washington and Belgrade.

**Toast to Axis Victory**

In a toast during the speeches at the dinner given in honour of Mr Matsuoka to-night, Count Ciano declared that Japan's rise in Asia and Italy's and Germany's rise in Europe had "to-day reached a climax in the war against England. With a victory of arms assured, we are assured of attaining the aims of the tripartite pact."

Mr Matsuoka said, "Our alliance will last throughout the centuries. I can assure you that the people of Japan will flank them throughout the years." He then wished Italy and Germany an early victory.

**Demonstrators**

ROME, Apr. 1 (UP).—Student demonstrators to-day tried to reach the Yugo-Slav Legation following the Matsuoka-Mussolini conference but were turned back by Italian soldiers with full war equipment who blocked the seven streets leading to the Legation.

**Envoy From Berlin**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ISTANBUL, Apr. 1 (UP).—The Japanese Ambassador left Ankara last Sunday for Berlin to attend a conference of Japanese Ambassadors.

He is now in Sofia and expects to arrive in Berlin on Wednesday.

## Devastating Raid By R.A.F. On Emden

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When another bomb went down, a pilot, who had been in 30 previous raids, said that he had never seen so large a flash. "It was a gigantic flash, blinding white," he said.

As the aircraft circled, the town below leaving, the fire in the town could be seen increasing in fury. The effectiveness of the bombs impressed the Germans who made the unusual admission in their official communiqué of "comparatively large damage to buildings."

**37th Attack on Emden**

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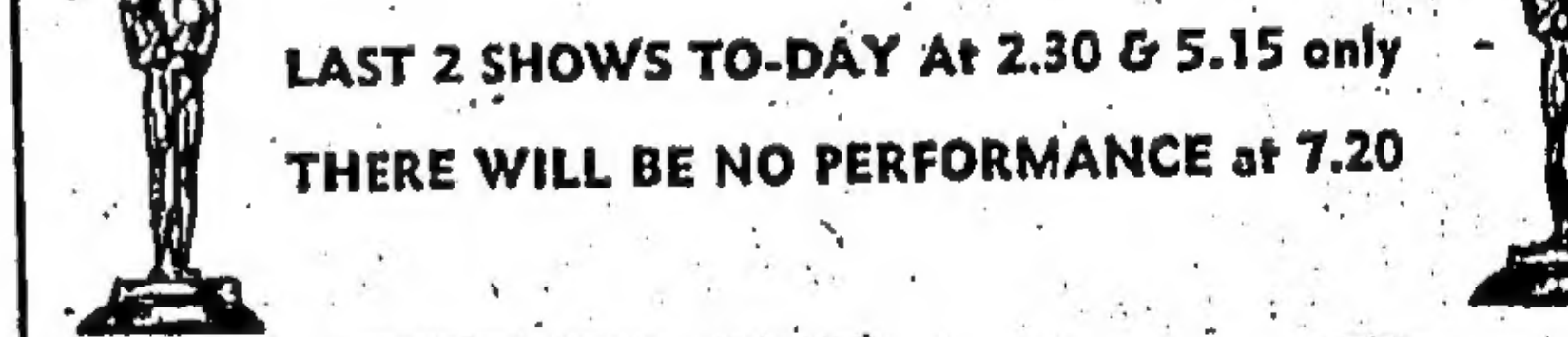
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